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NEW BRIT-SOUL TREND HITS U.S.

■ BY LARRY FLICK
and JANINE McADAMS

NEW YORK—Spearheaded by acclaimed major label acts like Young Disciples and D-Influence, an underground British dub movement that embraces the music of American soul and jazz legends is finding with mainstream pop and urban radio acceptance in the U.S.

Although comparisons to the acid-jazz wave of 1991-92 have begun to circulate, the new Brit-soul trend has a generally less retro, more commercially accessible sound. The style reformulates influence from classic re-



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cordings by Bobby Byrd, Herbie Hancock, Roy Ayers, and the Mothers,

among others, in a contemporary urban/funk or hip-hop context. Much emphasis is placed on complex song structure, which is enhanced by live instrumentation and downtempo rhythms.

Besides Mercury's Young Disciples and D-Influence on EastWest, leading acts of this movement that already have been signed to majors in the U.S. are Verve's Incognito, Island's Don-E, London Records' Violent McKenna, and Jamoque on EMI. Other key Brit-soul acts include Rule Stylitz, Lupo Fazio, Grace Under Pressure, D-Swing, Opaz, and Circle Of Life, all of which are seeking label deals here.

Although Brit-soul acts have initially earned credibility from heavy exposure in U.K. clubs like the Jazz Cafe and Boredoms, a number of them have begun to generate strong sales and radio interest in the British pop mainstream.

In the U.S., club campaigns in support of these acts are secondary to

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Clapton Grabs Key Grammys; 'Beauty' Is Belle Of The Ball

■ BY CRAIG ROSEN

LOS ANGELES—"Clapton is God," first scrawled on walls in London in the late '60s by avid rock fans, could have been written on this year's Grammy ballots as well. Eric Clapton dominated the 35th Grammy Awards Feb. 24, taking a total of six honors.

While Clapton claimed the night, he was outcompeted by other multiple-award winners, most notably Walk & Donkey Records' "Beauty And The Beast" soundtrack album, which garnered five awards.

Clapton's Grammy sweep is expected to increase the artist's already substantial sales (see story, page 50). Tying the second-biggest sweep in Grammy history, Clapton took virtually every key category. His "Tears In Heaven," a tender ballad written following his son Conor's tragic death, was named record and song of

the year and earned him the male pop vocal award, while his acoustic "Un-

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Sony Mines Sinatra Gold In Library Of Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C.—When CBS/Sony Legacy first began formulating plans nearly two years ago to release a comprehensive collection of Frank Sinatra's Co-

lection of the artist's wartime V-Disc recordings.

With this archival discovery, the Sinatra collection has mushroomed into a series of multi-disc releases. The initial set, due this fall, is still a 12-disc collection that will feature a complete palette of his Columbia material, including previously unreleased tracks, but now it will be followed by two more sets in 1994.

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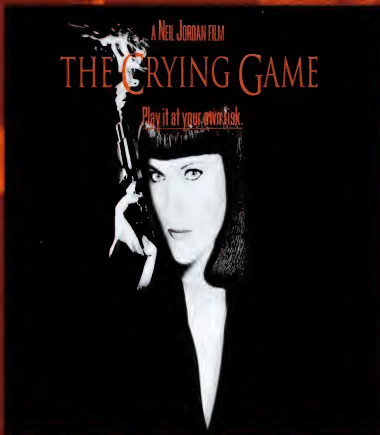
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Amphitheaters Get Cold Shoulder Lollapalooza Seeks Alternative Sites

■ BY MELINDA NEWMAN

ORLANDO, Fla.—One of this summer's potentially hottest tour may be leaving amphitheaters out in the cold.

Wherever possible, Lollapalooza '93 is bypassing traditional venues, opting instead to play live or alternative open-air sites. "Kids want to mosh," says one of the event's organizers, Stuart Ross. "We're basically a 30,000-seat nightclub." Because sites are still being selected, Ross does not know how many of the 40 to 45 dates will take place outside of sheds.

Specifically, Lollapalooza organizers say they need more space for the tour's sidewalk and other exhibits. Additionally, they want a general admission policy that usually cannot be accommodated by sheds with reserved pavilion seats and festival

seating on the lawn.

With Lollapalooza leading the charge, the summer sales look strong. Arena tours by Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, and Travis Tritt with Trisha Yearwood already under way will continue into the summer, as will spring outings by Aerosmith and Van Halen. Among the acts coming to amphitheaters and/or arenas this summer are Jimmy Buffett, Alan Jackson, Chicago, Reba McEntire, Peter Dinklage, Clint Black and Wynonna Judd. Future Lollapalooza Brothers Band, Steve Miller, Moody Blues, Yanni, Barry Manilow, Sade, Spin Doctors, Blues Traveler, Scorpions, Soundgarden, Dan and Don Tournier.

Stadium outings include Paul McCartney, who starts his tour April 14. Elton John is slated for later in the summer, while the Grateful Dead and Sting will play a series of stadium shows together, in addition

to touring separately.

Later in the fall, both Michael Bolton and Garth Brooks will hit the road.

Unconfirmed, but expected to play arenas or amphitheaters before the year is out, are Janet Jackson, John Mellencamp, Pearl Jam, and Nirvana.

Plans for upcoming tours and changes in the touring business were the chief topics of discussion at the 13th annual Performance Summit, held here Feb. 18-21.

While some amphitheater operators say 1993 is shaping up as a good, but not great, year, promoters who handle all sizes of venues say otherwise. "It's still just not enough," says Jim Koplitz, president of Metropolitan Concerts, which promotes shows in the Northeast. "We are really in a very bad state."

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89 Finalists Selected For Inaugural Billie Awards

NEW YORK—A panel of music and advertising industry executives and journalists has whittled down the 800-plus entries in Billboard magazine's first International Billie Awards and selected the finalists.

Winners of the marketing awards will be announced March 18 at the Inaugural Billie Awards ceremony, hosted by re-nowned artist LeBoy Greene.

Created to honor the finest achievements in trade and consumer advertising for the music, video, and home entertainment industries, the Billies are the

first such awards of their kind.

"We're thrilled by the reception the industry has given our initial efforts to recognize the vibrant talent played by creative individuals to market their products and services," says Billboard publisher Howard Lander. "First-year entries exceeded our expectations and give us great hope to build the scope of the Billies in the coming years."

Entries were broken down according to medium—print, television, radio, outdoor, point-of-purchase, and packaging/album art—and judged on graphic design, copy, production, and visual impact.

Of the 89 finalists, Sony Music earned the most nominations with

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Matsushita Software Units May Face Reorganization

■ BY STEVE MCCLURE

TOKYO—Matsushita Electric Industrial, hit by disastrous earnings results and the resignation of its chairman, may reorganize its music software operations, according to industry sources here.

In an effort to streamline its operations, the Japanese electronics giant is rumored to be pushing hard to put its four musical industries (VMI, MCA Victor, and Teichiku Records) under one roof. Spokesmen for Matsushita and MCA Victor declined to comment.

The industry speculation about the reorganization coincides with company chairman Aoki Tada's Feb. 25 resignation. The executive took responsibility for bad loans worth about \$50 billion (\$497 million, using an exchange rate of 117 yen to the dollar) incurred by a subsidiary, National Leasing Co., an Osaka restaurant operator. The stock price of Matsushita has been hit on fraud and other charges.

Matsushita announced the same day a 60% drop to 95.2 billion yen (842 million in pretax profits for the four-quarter December 1992 quarter, and a decline in sales to 1.8 trillion yen (\$15.3 billion) from 2.01 trillion yen (\$17.1 billion) in the same period in 1991.

Matsushita's music software operations may be tough to rationalize, sources here say. "It's being revised quite heavily by VMI," they note. But the degree of independence from Matsushita, comments one executive, adding, "Teichiku hasn't been performing as well as it has in the past, a bit better than being run by MCA Victor, from here and from overseas as well, and Matsushita would like to see it all run one entity."

VMI's sales of imported music rose 30% to 37.1 billion yen (\$275.5 million) for a 9.7% market share in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992. MCA Victor's sales of imported music is distributed by VMI, accounted for 5.8 billion yen (\$49 million) of that amount. Teichiku, an ailing, old-style company in which VMI holds a minority stake, had sales of \$3.6 billion yen (\$36.5 million) down 11.9% in the year to March 1992.

The source says the VMI staff is

concerned that Matsushita officials could be brought in to run the entertainment businesses. An industry observer says Matsushita may try to buy out the JVC Group's 50% stake in MCA Victor (the other half belongs to Matsushita-owned MCA) and set up a new company, combining just MCA Victor and Teichiku.

Under this scenario, it would be difficult for Matsushita to gain direct control over VMI because of heavy resistance from JVC, in which Matsushita has a majority stake as well.

As a whole, the Matsushita group is expected to record a 10% drop in tax profits for the year ending in March 1993.

Artic Macneivers Put Freeze On Academy

■ BY SETH GOLDSTEIN

NEW YORK—Academy Entertainment, the small but thriving music video independent based in Los Angeles, is caught in a squeeze play that could cost it significant revenues. On one side are the distributors that buy and sell the Academy's releases; on the other is Artic Distribution, in Shelburne, Vt., which has the same owners.

Academy has been expanding outside the Northeast—and upsetting other wholesalers in the process. At least one distributor, Ingram Entertainment, in Nashville, reportedly has closed the doors of its branches to Academy sales reps in response to what it considers Artic's overly aggressive expansion and low-ball pricing (Billboard, Feb. 27).

Ingram, unavailable for comment, declined to buy Academy titles and to run Academy ads in its mailers. But as the largest U.S. distributor, holding about a 30% market share, Ingram's decision could do Academy some damage, trade observers believe. And the pain will increase to more than 50% as other distributors ignore the

Caring People. Recording artists Bonnie Raitt, left, and David Crosby congratulate Natalie Cole on being named MusCares person of the year Feb. 20 at the Beverly Hilton. (Photo: Glenn Wagner/EPH)

line. Two, Major Video Concepts and Sight & Sound, have already curtailed interest in Academy releases, and Baker & Taylor Video may follow, according to several sources. The three have a combined share of approximately 25%.

GRASS-ROOTS RESPONSE

Major Video Concepts' 150 field representatives are "not enthusiastically selling those titles," says senior marketing VP Robert Tullini, a condition attributes to a "grass-roots" response to Artic expansion over the past four or five months. Sight & Sound president J.D. Mandelker says S&S stopped accepting mailer ads after the Video Software Dealers' Assn. July 1992 convention, and maintains "nearly every distributor has made some conscious effort to scale back Academy."

Newly appointed Academy sales VP David Bisher notes, "Some distributors are concerned" about relations between the two companies; but he claims the impact thus far has not been noticeable beyond the usual seasonal variations in sales.

Academy has instituted a new field program that will have reps

calling on 60-80 key accounts every six to eight weeks in an effort to ease distributor order-taking and fulfillment. The company has doubled its sales staff to 15 and will create a telemarketing division.

Claiming complete geographic and management separation of Academy and Artic, Bisher says, "They're 3,000 miles away," he notes. "I've talked to [Artic principal owner] Marty Gold twice."

Artic VP Bill Boyle says there's no favoritism. "We treat Academy like any other vendor." Boyle acknowledges Artic staffers get incentives to sell Academy cassette tapes, just as they do for other suppliers' releases. It's not \$4 a tape, as one distributor alleges, he emphasizes.

Despite the separation, Bisher acknowledges that down the road "I can't honestly say we won't be affected by this." One executive claims "Academy's numbers [already] have fallen away, way off" in the most recent title-tracking surveys performed by the National Assn. of Video Distributors for its members. NAVD doesn't make the figures public; executive director Mark Emmert was unavailable for comment by press time.

ASCAP To Begin Gathering Royalties For Home Taping

NEW YORK—ASCAP was given the green light in federal district court here Feb. 19 to collect and distribute home-taping royalties on behalf of "interested copyright parties."

The approval by Judge William C. Conner followed a brief public hearing at which the main area of concern was whether the scope of collection would be charged against receipts to the society's members.

Conner formally approved the plan via an amendment to the 1988 ASCAP final judgment on royalties, which prohibited the society's collection and distribution activities in areas other than public performances.

The court's approval will allow ASCAP to collect funds for interested songwriters and publishers from the musical works portion of the Digital Audio Home Recording Act. ASCAP plans to distribute the digital

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Paramount Films Unit To Develop Multimedia Biz

■ BY CHRIS MCGOWAN

LOS ANGELES—Paramount Communications has formed a new division to develop and marketing multimedia products, including interactive television and CD-ROM and video products.

With the formation of the Paramount Technology Group, the company has taken a fully integrated approach toward the emerging digital technology of the '90s, placing new product development under one centralized umbrella.

One of the division's first efforts

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Top 40 Radio 'Wants Maniacs' 'Candy'

BY ERIC BOEHLERT

NEW YORK—At a time when 10,000 Maniacs seemed to have hit the wall in terms of acquiring new, top 40's early, warm reception of the band's latest single, "Candy Everybody Wants," is introducing the band to a new and potentially larger audience.

"This could be the song that breaks them on top 40," says Don London, PD at Indianapolis' WZLX. The station is making its first serious commitment to the band thanks in part to the song's popish sound, buoyed by infectious horns.

Others, too, are giving the Maniacs a shot. According to Broadcast Data Systems' weekly monitor of top 40 stations, "Candy" received more than 270 spins last week, up more than 50% from the previous week, which is good enough for the sixth biggest top-40 jump recorded that week, in a field of 200 songs.

The band's move to top 40 comes at a crucial time. After its 1987 breakthrough with "In My Tribe," which sold more than 1 million copies in the U.S. and was embraced by radio as well as MTV and VH1, the band's follow-up, "Blind Man's Zoo," cooled in terms of sales and radio airplay. Last fall, "Our Time in Eden" started down the path of "Blind Man's Zoo." It was snatched up by loyal fans and spun on modern-rock and college stations, but little else followed.

Of the top 40 stations that did try "These Are Days," the first single from "Eden," the reviews were often less than promising. "It did a [slow] death," says Wayne Coy, PD at Norfolk, Va.'s WNVZ.

The band's exposure increased when the new Fox television series "Clash Of '90s" adopted "These Are Days" as its unofficial theme song and featured it in promo spots that flooded the network in January. Coy



10,000 MANIACS

says the station immediately noted increased phone requests for 10,000 Maniacs—just as "These Are Days" was being rejected. That's when he decided to go ahead with "Candy Everybody Wants," which he says "sounds great on the air" and "should get them played everywhere."

At about that time, lead singer

Natalie Merchant and the band made an appearance at MTV's Inaugural Ball. In a much-talked-about set, parts of which were broadcast by NBC, the band played three songs, two with R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, including "Candy." The show, which was rebroadcast five times on MTV within a week, instantly rejuvenated interest in "Our Time in Eden." The album jumped from No. 47 to 28 on The Billboard 200, reaching its high point 17 weeks after its debut. This week, the album sits in at No. 38.

David Bither, Elektra's senior VP and GM, concedes that in terms of exposure, the Maniacs have been a bit lucky—with Bill Clinton getting elected, for starters, and the Maniacs being featured so prominently on MTV's celebratory show. Nonetheless, Bither calls the marketing of the band one of label's most successful projects in recent times. "It's not a *(Continued on page 81)*

Stereo MC's Find A Place As Rappers

BY THOM DUFFY

LONDON—When Stereo MC's first came to America two years ago, they had trouble finding a niche, recalls Rob Birch, co-founder and front man for the British hip-hop/funk/r'n'b ensemble. "We weren't black, we weren't pop, we weren't rap," he says.

During that 1991 U.S. tour, however, the Stereo MC's earned a distinction as the first British rappers to break through on "American Top 40," with the sin-



STEREO MC'S

gle "Elevate My Mind." And, along with the likes of Jesus Jones and EMF, the dance/r'n'b group signaled the arrival of a new wave of more earnest, sample-fied British bands.

With the release of their third album, "Connected," the Stereo MC's have done just that, connecting with U.K. pop fans and reaching new peaks of popularity on the British charts. The album's top three hit, the syncopated "Step It Up," and the jazzy and socially aware "Ground Level," which debuted Feb. 20 at No. 15 on the U.K. singles chart, have all made waves. The album, meanwhile, debuted Jan. 23 at No. 2 on the British albums chart, just behind the *(Continued on page 86)*

Nordisk Offers Alternative In Europe License Dilemma

BY MIKE HENNESSEY

COPENHAGEN—The conflict between U.S. and U.K. music publishers and European mechanical rights societies SDRM, GEMA, and STEMRA has a potential new mediator. The Nordisk Copyright Bureau, which collects and distributes mechanical royalties on behalf of members in the five Scandinavian countries—Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden—has put forward a cooperative plan to help resolve the dispute.

The Scandinavian group also aired its own dissatisfaction with the existing central licensing arrangements in Europe and discussed pulling out of the system.

Through its plan, the European Cooperation in Mechanical Rights Administration (ECMA), the NCB is seeking to meet some of the demands

of the European Mechanical Rights Organization.

EMRO was established because Anglo-American societies were displeased with several facets of the existing central licensing arrangement, stemming from relations with record companies that had central licensing deals with authors' societies, and the expense and time involved in using the cumbersome system.

EMRO was officially launched at the start of this year by the U.K.'s Music Publishers Assn., which also owns the U.K.'s mechanical rights society MCPS. It aims to provide a one-stop licensing function for Europe for international repertoire, so that the value of mechanical royalties is not diminished through competition between the continental societies. It also aims to speed up payments and avoid the multiple deductions of cost *(Continued on page 81)*



Epic Adds Flavor. Epic Records announces its exclusive distribution pact with Flavor Unit Records, a new label founded by rap artist Queen Latifah. The first release under the new agreement is a multi-artist compilation, "Hot We Tha Flava," due out in April. The album features the title single, performed by the Flavor Unit MCs. Shown in the back row, from left, are Sony Music president Tommy Motola, Epic executive VP Richard Griffiths, Epic senior VP of black music Hank Caldwell, Epic president Dave Grew, and Sony Music executive Philip Michael Anthony. Pictured in the front, from left, are Flavor Unit CEO Queen Latifah and COO Shavon.

Hot 97's McCabe Joins Billboard Staff

NEW YORK—Kevin McCabe, APD/MD of WQHT (Hot 97) here, joins Billboard in the newly created position of associate director of charts/radio. The appointment is effective March 15.

In his new position, McCabe reports to associate publisher Michael Ellis and will assume Ellis' duties overseeing the Hot 100 Singles chart. He will also be responsible for all of Billboard's other radio charts except country and R&B. In addition, McCabe will be involved with Billboard's radio publication, Top 40-Airplay Monitor.

Ellis said of the appointment, "We are extremely fortunate to have a person of Kevin's experience and stature in the radio industry joining

us at Billboard. His extensive knowledge of all aspects of radio, together with his superb reputation and wide-ranging industry contacts, will be a major asset to both Billboard and our new sister publication, Top 40-Airplay Monitor. Having Kevin on board puts us in a perfect position to

expand our service to the radio industry."

M McCabe's 10 years in radio included MD stints at Washington, D.C. stations WCCR and WRQX. He joined Hot 97 as MD in January 1988, and was promoted to

APD/MD in 1991.

While at Hot 97, McCabe was a three-time Billboard Radio Award nominee for MD of the year. In 1992, he won the Gavin Report award for MD of the year. He was also honored with an Emmi Award in 1990 as part of an internal awards program for Emmis Broadcasting stations.

Significantly on his appointment, McCabe said, "I'm very excited about this new opportunity for me at Billboard and Monitor. It's a tough decision to leave Hot 97, which I feel is one of the greatest radio stations in America today. However, career evolution is what it's all about, and I'm really excited about this new challenge."

Hole In One: Butthole Surfers Score Major-Label Coup

BY MARILYN A. GILLEN

NEW YORK—After 12 years in bars, clubs, and the Lollapalooza lineup, on countless miles of road and several independent labels, and with the help of mounting media interest, the free-checky Butthole Surfers have come to Capitol Records willingly, but adamantly on their own terms.

There will be zero "mainstreaming" compromises, the decidedly alternative but otherwise unquenchable Austin, Texas-based quartet in-



BUTTHOLE SURFERS

lists, as most bands do, and the label agrees.

What makes the Butthole Surfers' case notable are all the things *(Continued on page 82)*

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New Mode Marching In; Add Unplugs; Duo Debuts

BY CHRIS MORRIS

LOS ANGELES—The first Depeche Mode studio album in three years, an "Unplugged" entry by hip-hop sensation Arrested Development, and the highly anticipated debut of the superstar metal band Coverdale/Page will lead the parade of notable album releases in March.

Depeche Mode's "Songs Of Faith And Devotion," scheduled for March 23 release by Sire/Reprise, is the modern-rock giant's first studio album since the double-platinum "Violator" in 1990. The set, co-produced by the group and Flood, is being preceded by the top five Modern Rock Track "I Feel You."

Chrishna has set March 23 for the release of Arrested Development's "Unplugged." MTV, which aired a half-hour preview of its broadcast in

January, will screen the hourlong special March 31; a home video version of the show will follow. "Unplugged" will serve as the sequel to the Atlantic-based act's double-platinum debut, "3 Years 6 Months & 2 Days In The Life Of..." The album will aim to succeed commercially impressive "Unplugged" entries by Eric Clapton and Marshall Crenshaw at the top of The Billboard 200.

Eagerly awaited among metal listeners, "Coverdale/Page," due March 18 from Geffen, unites former Whitesnake vocalist David Coverdale and ex-Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page. The initial offering from the album, "Pride And Joy," entered Billboard's Album Rock Tracks chart at No. 1 last week.

A strong field of rap releases is slated for this month.

L.L. Cool J's "Buckin' Em Down," the sequel to his double-platinum 1990 release "Mama Said Knock You Out," will drop via Columbia March 6. The initial radio track is "How I Comin'."

On March 23, "The Bliss Album... 7 Vibrations Of Love And And The Pendulation Of Life And Existence," P.M. Dawn's follow-up to its gold 1991 debut, "Of The Heart, Of The Soul, And Of The Crown," will be issued by Geffen/Island. The neo-psychédélic hip-hoppers' initial single from the album is "Plastic."

The soundtrack album for "CBA," the forthcoming rap send-up starring comedian Chris Rock, will arrive from MCA Tuesday (9). The album includes tracks by Public Enemy, M.C. Gon, Hurricane (featuring the Beastie Boys), Pu-Schickens, P.M. Dawn, and Blackstreet (featuring Teddy Riley). The label will issue a second version of the album, minus the track "Black Op" by Boogie Down Productions, March 16.

Top-selling reggae vocalist Buena Vista Social Club is set for a March 23 release on Reprise.

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Record-Breaking Label. Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog track records, from left, with BMG Enterprises/BMG Kids VP Ron Osher, Jimenson Records VP (and Oscar-nominated songwriter) Robert Kraft, and Zoom Express president Bob Hirtle as they announce the launch of Jimenson Records. Marketed by BMG Kids/Zoom Express, the label will make available the full library of music from the Muppets and other Jimenson productions, in addition to creating new albums.

U.K. Talent Inspires Motown London Unit

BY THOM DUFFY

LONDON—Motown Records is making a renewed effort to tap into the U.K. talent pool.

The company has set up a London-based unit under general manager Nicki Denaro, who previously worked for Motown here when its releases were licensed through BMG. In her new post, Denaro reports to Karen Sherlock, the company's Los Angeles-based senior VP of international.

The first project for Motown U.K. is British R&B band Krews, which makes its label debut at the end of March with a single, "When You Smile," followed by an album, "New Generation." Krews is signed via independent production company ARF, headed by Richard Sitarone and Phil Nugent.

Motown has tried to develop U.K. talent through various recording and publishing deals over the past 25 years, with minimal success. In the late '60s and '70s, for example, several British acts were signed to its Rare Earth label.

More recently, Motown affiliated with Funky Dred Records, the label launched by Soul II Soul leader Jazzy B. Only one album was released under that arrangement, which no longer exists. Motown also marketed an album last year by U.K. musician/producer Paul Hardcastle, "Touch The Sky," without any appreciable impact. The new Motown venture in London is "a complement" to Motown U.S., says Denaro. In her capacity as GM, she will oversee day-to-day operations, assisted by Rahim Jung, a former club and radio promotion manager.

Motown's international focus is PolyGram, with re-

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MCA/GRP Label Puts Initials On Pop Thrust

BY CRAIG ROSEN

LOS ANGELES—In order to set its pop, adult contemporary, and urban artists apart from its well-known jazz recorders, GRP Records has teamed with parent company MCA to create the MCA/GRP imprint. The new label, like GRP, will be based in New York.

The first MCA/GRP release, set for March 16, will be the American debut album by Laima, a Latvian-born artist whose previous efforts have been hugely successful in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

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Derek Shulman Helms Label Via Giant

BY DEBORAH RUSSELL

LOS ANGELES—Derek Shulman, former chairman of A&R Records, will head a new Giant-distributed label housed in the New York-based headquarters of Warner Bros. Records.

The yet-unnamed label likely will be launched with a third quarter release, projects Giant owner Irving Azoff. Giant will handle all promotion, marketing, sales, and distribution, and the Shulman venture will basically serve as a product-oriented A&R center.

"We consider [the Shulman ven-

ture] an in-house label; this is not a third-party production deal," says Azoff. "He'll have access to all of [Giant's] resources."

For Shulman, who started his music industry career as a member of the band Simon Dupree & the Big Sound and Gentle Giant, the move represents a return to his roots.

"I'm getting back to making records and artists, and not worrying so much about writing memos and pushing paper," he says.

Shulman will be president of the new venture, which will start with a small operation staffed with two or three A&R representatives. He hopes

to build a presence in the U.K., and says it's likely he will hire a permanent A&R exec for the West Coast.

Shulman could not provide details regarding staff appointments or artist signings to his new venture. The label is contracted to release at least four albums per year, he says.

Shulman's tenure at Ato, which began in 1968, was marked by the signing of acts as diverse as Mott's, Patena, and Dream Theater.

Prior to Ato, Shulman worked for PolyGram, where, as senior VP of A&R, he oversaw acts as diverse as Bon Jovi, Cinderella, Tears For Fears, and Kingdom Come.

BILLBOARD. Phil Rosenthal is named director of sales and marketing for Billboard Entertainment Marketing in New York. He was VP of event marketing for MCA.

RECORD COMPANIES. The PolyGram Label Group in New York appoints both Vicki Leben and Joe Ricciotti VPs of CHR promotion. They were, respectively, VP of promotion at Zoo Records and senior director of promotion at PLG.

BMG in New York promotes Joanne Fontana to VP of business affairs. She was director of business affairs. BMG Records Hong Kong promotes Ed Chua to managing director. He was director of BMG Taiwan.

Guy Brulles is appointed VP of international artist development for Capitol Records in Los Angeles. He was managing director of EMI-Belgium in Brussels.



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Garth Funder is named VP of A&R for RCA in Nashville. He is a producer who has worked with such acts as Den Williams, Keith Whitley, and Tracy Young.

Elektra Entertainment appoints Brian Landau national director of album promotion/secondaries in Los Angeles. Andy Dean resigns as director of adult rock promotion in New York, and Jessica Harley national director of rock promotion in New York. They were, respectively, regional director for Elektra, national director of rock promotion for IMco,

and program director at WDHA Morristown, N.J.

Mary Gormley is appointed director of A&R for Columbia Records in New York. She was in the A&R department of Geffen/DGC Records.

Andy Murray is named director of marketing, U.S. label, for Warner Music Europe in London. He was previously head of his own company and director of marketing at WEA U.K.

DISTRIBUTION. Joe Kleiser is appointed senior VP of operations and logistics for CEMA Distribution in New York.

He was senior VP for EMI Music.

Berry Levine is promoted to VP of marketing for BMG Distribution. He was director of mainstream and alternative marketing.

Alan Becker is promoted to VP of purchasing at Relativity Entertainment Distribution. He was director of purchasing.

POLYGRAM. PolyGram Music Publishing in New York names Linda Eidel VP of operations, East Coast. She was an entertainment attorney at Carro, Spaznook, Kaster & Oulfo.

Oscar Mendonca is appointed managing director of BMG Music Publishing in Mexico. He was A&R director of BMG Arista Mexico.

Deodora Weisen is promoted to creative manager at Carlin Music Publishing in London. She was professional editor for Freddy Besscock Enterprises in New York.

RELATED FEELING. Lisa Gordon is named director of communications for IPFI in London. She was assistant director of County Nat. West Securities.

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Artists & Music

Cash Tracks Changes On 'Wheel'

New Album Reflects Singer's New Life

BY MELINDA NEWMAN

NEW YORK—Since the release of 1990's darkly intense "Interior," Rosanne Cash has divorced Rodney Crowell and moved to New York, so it should come as no surprise that



ROSANNE CASH

Hollywood Sheds Light On Brian May's Solo Career

BY ED CHRISTAMAN

NEW YORK—Thematically, "Back To The Light," Queen guitarist and sound architect Brian May's solo debut, represents his journey away from the dark side of human nature to being an individual who has met his problems head on, and in using that experience to grow into a more fully realized person.

While May is using the album as a vehicle to repair his wounded psyche,



BRIAN MAY

the songwriter, whose lyrics often read like confessional diary entries, sings about change on her new album.

"Ultimately, 'The Wheel' is all about transformation," says Cash, sitting on her living room couch. "This album encompasses a wider emotional realm than 'Interiors,' which was pretty singular in its focus. It was pretty dark. On this one, there's also some despair, but it's tempered by hope."

Whatever her themes, Cash has always straddled a line between country and pop—played by both, but fully embraced by neither. For the first time since 1965's "Rhythm And Romance," coordination for her new album will be handled solely by Columbia's New York office. "I never really worked trying to do a record out of both places," she says. "Nashville would want to do certain things and they were getting directives from New York, and they were getting resentful about it because

they weren't getting feedback from the Nashville music community, but New York wanted this to happen with it. So it was confusing and both their hands were tied."

However, the move doesn't mean that Cash or Columbia is abandoning the artist's country fans. First single "Seventh Avenue" is being worked to college, alternative, adult contemporary, and country radio, says Jay Krugman, East Coast VP of marketing for Columbia Records. "Although the specific coordination will be directed through New York, we are utilizing all the available re-

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MORE MUSIC. Capricorn Records alternative band 311 recently performed songs from its debut, "Music," in Los Angeles for representatives from Capricorn and Warner Bros., the label's distributor. Shows, from left, are Warner Bros.' Dave Lombardi; Capricorn's Roger Mayer; 311's SA, Chad Sexton, Nicholas Haxum, Timothy J. Mahoney, and P-Nut; Warner Bros.' Pat Oates; and Capricorn's Phil Walden.

Faith No More Takes It 'Easy' On EP; Prince & NPG Open Tour In Florida

OVER EASY: "It feels really good to have a couple of thousand people filling your pit," says Bill Gould, bassist and founding member of Faith No More, explaining in part why the band decided to record its version of the Commodores' "Easy." The group had already performed the song, which is a big hit in Europe, during its show, segueing into it after, naturally, its cover of Black Sabbath's "Warrior." "Just to see the number of middle fingers go up when we

performed 'Easy' was amazing," says Gould. The song is the centerpiece of a new Faith No More EP released by Slash/Reprise/WB that also includes "Our Schutzenfest," a German ditty about a man who picks up a woman at a Bavarian shooting party and makes love with her in a pig barn; an instrumental version of "Midnight Cowboy," which appears on the "Angel Dust" album; and "Let's Lynch The Landlord," a cover of the head bangers song that Faith No More originally recorded for an Alternative Tentacles compilation album.

Let's Lynch The Landlord was recorded in his basement," Gould says. "We got the worst drummer we could find. I have a standup bass and an accordion and we used the worst microphone."

Inasmuch as everything Faith No More does is tongue-in-cheek, the cover delivered convincingly by Mike Patton, could be taken as a goof, Gould says. But "it would be too obvious just to slag it. We like it in a painful kind of way. It gives the band memories of our childhood. We all grew up with it."

The twist is saved for the second disc, recorded at 9 a.m. one morning on the band's day off, which features Patton earnestly singing his heart out to drag queens much more concerned about food and drink than him. "Of all the videos we've done, it probably has our personality the most," Gould says. "People can find something sympathetic through a weird medium. It's almost touching that this transvestite is sitting there drinking champagne while Mike's singing."

Faith No More also recorded the song to shake things up a little. "For our own personal satisfaction, we like to do things that are left field. Warner Bros. has been marketing us as a rock band, so we like to show we're other things too. There was a little hesitancy to put the record out here, but it's just exploded. I think it might be our best hit."

For the record, the band hasn't heard from the song's author, Lionel Richie. His version reached No. 4 in 1977.



by Melinda Newman

KING OF THE ROAD: Prince, with the New Power Generation in tow, kicks off his tour March 7 at the Sunrise Theater in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. After three nights there (the first of which sold out in eight minutes), he moves through 10 other cities before winding up at the Universal Amphitheater in Los Angeles for three nights, April 12-14. Among the stops along the way are Atlanta, Detroit, Toronto, and New York, where three dates at Radio City Music Hall, March 24-26, are tentatively scheduled.

selection is a weird mix of multiple theater dates and large arenas, so we can only imagine what the production logistics must be. Although the name of the tour, "Prince And The New Power Generation: Act I," would connote more dates via second and third acts to follow, the venue selection says no other dates are confirmed.

THIS IS THAT: Restless Records has signed Anson Fier for his Golden Palomino projects. The new record is slated for late spring and will include Nicky Skopellitis, Amanda Kramer, Lori Carson, and Bill Laswell. David Byrne, joined by Linda Williams on stage during the encore of Williams' Feb. 20 show at The Town Hall in New York for a duet of the Jimmie Dale Gilmore song "Tonight I Think I'm Gonna Go Downtown," Byrne and Williams shared the billing several nights earlier at an anti-nuclear concert in Princeton, N.J. ... As the New Music Seminar gears up for the 1993 edition, taking place July 20-24 at the Sheraton New York, it has announced several changes including fewer, more concentrated panels, and special invitation-only symposia for key industry professionals. These will be held at the decidedly upscale Rikgas Royal so the elite will never have to mix with the hoi-polloi. ... Rumors abound that teletalking giant Teletalk Master is up for sale with a number of potential suitors. When asked about the company's fate, CEO Fred Rosen simply says "No comment." ... The Bottom Line celebrates the silver anniversary of the release of Blood, Sweat & Tears' classic album, "Child Is Father To The Man" with two concerts March 12-13. The show will feature original members Al Kooper, Randy Brecker, Jim Fiedler, Steve Katz, and Fred Lipsick performing together for the first time in 25 years. They will be joined by two later BS&T members, Tom Malone and Lew Soloff, as well as other musicians. ... The band's new album, "The Bakers, Baker, Lebewitz & Roberts has changed its name to include partner Jaime Roberts in its moniker.



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Label Maxi-mizes Jamaican Acts' Exposure

BY MAUREEN SHERIDAN

KINGSTON, Jamaica—With his own music having made a dent in the U.S., Maxi Priest is now trying to break the music of other Jamaican artists through his new label, Madhouse Records.

"Madhouse was formed by four mad priests," says London-based Maxi Priest, "myself and my manager, Janet Davidson, and Kingpin's Kelly brothers, Tony and Dave. And, add Priest, because I'm turning [behind 'fe Real' (Virgin)], and Tony Kelly is into other projects, Dave Kelly is Madhouse's main man."

Labels will be handled in the U.S. through several independent distributors.

Dave Kelly is the man behind some of the best words, sound, and production coming out of Kingston. In fact, as Kelly notes, "Madhouse has the current No. 1 song in Jamaica, 'Addiction' by Terror Fabulous and Nadine Sutherland."

"Tony and I had been working with Maxi as house and tour engineers for a while," says Kelly. "Madhouse [both a label and production house] is a kind of natural result of that relationship. Maxi brings in the projects and also contributes creatively to some of the projects, and Janet Da-

vidson takes care of business."

The Kellys started their engineering careers in the mid-'80s at the Marleywood Tuff Gong Studios. Quickly noticed by producer Donovan Germaine, the pair was offered jobs at his Penthouse Studio and label, where, says Kelly, they moved into production and contributed their talent to "90% of the hits" that made Penthouse famous.

Working with its dancehall roster of Buju Banton, Wayne Wonder, Tony Rebel, Marcia Kefauver, Kellys, and others—the hottest Jamaican label of the past two years.

By late 1992, David Kelly had also proved himself to be a prolific and skilled songwriter, penning popular tunes like Buju Banton's "Love Me Browning" and "Massa God Worl A Rize," and after a "minor detour" with Penthouse made the move to Madhouse. And although he continues to collaborate with brother Tony, Kelly acknowledges an ideological split: "Tony is more into what I tend to be 'conscious' and uplifting."

All Madhouse Records' product will promote "positive moral and so-

cial values," continues Kelly, who, concerned about the breakdown of musical morals in Jamaica, believes that "blackness [the obscenity associated with dancehall] is definitely fading. Society is beginning to repeat it."

On the new label are artists Terror Fabulous, Daddy Screw, and Louis Culture, three DJs who are already known on the dancehall circuit. "We are signing new artists with staying power," says Kelly. "Lenny Wilentz, Priest adds, 'We're in for long term.'"

Madhouse releases include Capleton's "Slampede," the Maxi Priest/Terror Fabulous tune "Maybe I'm Dreamin'," and Daddy Screw's "Model Pon Yu Man."

In addition to steering Madhouse Records "to the forefront of music production—not just reggae, but rap, jazz, and R&B"—Kelly is producing for his own company, New Kelly Swing Productions. Projects under that name include a new album by Viacom film "Scam," including a Lisa Fisher tune, "Whatever You Want," as well as a Heavy D/Buju Banton duet for Ted Demme's "Who's The Man?" After a decade of producing tracks for upcoming albums by Buju Banton, Danny Madden, Tony Rebel, Salt-N-Pepa, and Tiger,

ROSMANE CASH TRACKS CHANGES ON NEW ALBUM

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ness that can be maximized, including the expertise of our Nashville staff," he says.

To build excitement at the company, Cash decided to make an internal presentation last December, as he is also performing at a number of branch offices to set up the album.

And she Cash would prefer the music speak for itself, she understands that "commercial music is to fit itself through the keyhole of the record industry. That's a fact of life, you know. So you have to play that game, you have to do it. Tower Records has to know which bin to put it in."

And she does consider "The Wheel" commercial. "This is [my] first record that I've thought, 'this is pretty accessible. This could be a commercially successful record.' It's kind of an odd feeling."

The record is the first Cash has produced with John Leventhal. The

pair first teamed in 1991 on a never-released Amnesty International project and then started writing together. "I'm the first one to recognize that I can have a song written, so I tend to hang out with people I can learn stuff from. I learned a lot making this record; very specific musical things and emotional things, like how John would articulate a certain song."

Cash has gone from an artist who relied primarily on other writers, to one who tends to pen all her own material, alone or with co-writers—which she says was her intent all along.

"I didn't even want to be a recording artist—I wanted to be a songwriter," she says. "I didn't think I had real reasons to make records unless I wrote songs because you know, I thought unless you're a kind of interpretive singer like Rosemary Clooney and you're not a songwriter, just don't do it. So I kind of had a deep insecurity about that until [my] Rhythm & Romance album, when I wrote that whole record. A lot of the reason I wasn't writing more before was that I kept having babies and I would go a year or two without writing anything, just immersed in nursing a baby."

Much of her songwriting inspiration for "The Wheel" comes from her relocation to Manhattan, where she has lived for the past 18 months. "I definitely feel inspired here. I feel more myself, you know. I've wanted to live in the city since I was 16. I love my friends here. When I'm alone outside, I feel very calm inside. Of course, there are days that I feel there's nothing wrong with New York, but the storm beach, can't say and then there are some days

I say this is the greatest place in the universe."

Such dichotomy of feeling is exhibited in "The Wheel." Similar to her earlier material, the new album features songs with conflicting emotions stripped hauntingly bare, such as in "Roses In The Fire," when she states, "I know no man that I can trust," after confirming her partner's infidelity ("That was pretty devastating to write," she says), or on "You Won't Let Me In," when she partially relives the scary thing of falling in love again. "I'm changing like a girl on the threshold of her life. In love with the whole world."

The songs reflect the tug of war that spiritual and physical passion plays in people's hearts. "There's a lot of passion and sex in this record; I mean peripheral sex and sexuality in a kind of broad sense. All this spiritual and passionate glow finally gets rooted in the body in 'Fire Of The Newly Alive.' If you get transfused with a sense of purpose, you're going to get transformed, you know. Thank God—it's going to be your psyche and your sexuality, it's going to be everything."

Cash will begin a tour to support "The Wheel" in the spring, but she warns that the outing will be different from the relentlessly downbeat "Interior" tour. "I could never do that tour again, the intensity of it, the focus of it, there was no relief," she says. "It was exhausting. I learned so much; it was like a college education in performance, but I'll never do it again. This will be with a band and we won't be going into a dark tunnel. It will be much more fun."

Kamen Keeps Track Of Film Scores Vs. Singles

Michael Kamen is a prolific writer of soundtrack music and a record producer whose film credits include "Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves," along with the melody for Bryan Adams' hit "Everything I Do I Do It For You." The "Kreeps," "Lethal Weapon," and "Lethal Weapon II," "The Hunt," "The Hard II," and "Brazil." For Words & Music, he calls attention to the soundtrack composer's role in writing for movies that focus on singles for use of the background music:

For many people, music videos have created a new relationship between music and film. The normal rule of music is to be used by the music industry has been turned upside-down by the concept of "video" movies of a song.

The impact on film, radio, and records worldwide is enormous, and the implications for traditional film composers profound. The attempt to score entire films with his songs instead of dramatic music can pose problems for all concerned, including the composer.

A composer who has spent a lifetime carefully creating about melodies, drums, comedy, orchestration, strings, storytelling, and deadlines is not necessarily going to be comfortable thinking about a hit song. A commercial song "dropped" into the middle of a score that is working hard to create a world of its own is going to be, at the very least, intrusive. Composers and songwriters are different species of musicians. It is possible to incorporate nearly any existing song melody into a score. The song will be found or, even better, written—and presented to a composer early enough to be made part of the fabric of the main score. The song itself can be musically "set up" by the composer of the score so when it finally shows up you feel like you've known it and loved it all your life.

Making songs part of a film is a time-honored tradition that's produced some of our greatest film moments. Allowing music, score or song, to be used in a score can, expressed from my point of view, be as powerful a choice as a director can make. However, allowing songs to dominate a whole film can be disruptive to the story, and when the decision is made on the basis of commerce, I don't think that it often helps either the film, the song, or the audience.

Interior's score is a great producer, says that film in "art as commerce."

In the case of most Hollywood films he's right. Thankfully, he is clever and tasteful enough to know that a song can be used in a score, but it would step it in its tracks.

Occasionally, he'll have a song begin or end a picture, consolidating the score's feelings or the story's impact,

and allowing the song time and space to establish an identity. This obviously works best for all involved.

Films really should use songs as promotional tools for the record industry. On the other hand, if you make a great, emotional film, people will buy the poster, the T-shirt, the breakfast cereal, and the soundtrack score and hit songs alone!

The ability of successful films to sell soundtrack recordings of purely "orchestral" film music should be exploited more aggressively. There is unique and beautiful film music being

written that is virtually ignored by radio. Perhaps the advent of new technologies will allow film music to inspire and make available new activities.

musicians have certainly created innovative films. The appetite for hit songs is huge, but it is not well-served by making a film that no one wants to see and jangling it full of songs for the sake of a hit single—on the other hand, no one would want to write a score to it either!

The really great thing about the appetite for hit songs is it generates strong forces on music as a driving emotional force in films. Those days I can sometimes even convince directors to lower the effects and turn up the music, so it does seem like a good side. Additionally, selling the possibility of hit songs has become an important source of finance for many independent film makers. Money raised on the record deal has often made it possible to afford a score financed by songs. The choice of song or score is still and always a question of art and skill.

The marketing of a record attached to a film requires early involvement of the label. Typically, the score is the last part of the process and tracks for end titles have often been delivered to the film minutes before it was finished. The length of time it takes to print and distribute a finished film is usually brief compared to the time record companies take to press and ship records specially tailored to release ahead of the film. In the case of singles, and in the crucial early weeks when the film studio is spending millions to promote the picture, there are no records to sell.

If art and commerce are to work together, the first responsibility of artists is to the art. Meaningful work will always have a place in a production and market.

PRINT ON PRINT: The following are the best-selling films from Hal Leonard's "Print On Print" series: 2. Eric Clapton, "Unplugged"; 3. Pearl Jam, "Ten"; 4. Bob Marley, "Songs Of Freedom"; 5. Travis Tritt, "T-R-O-U-B-L-E."

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Everyone involved knows that Lauren Christy's self-titled Mercury Records debut is going to need some work.

Not that there's anything wrong with the product. It's just that the adult, songwriter-oriented collection hardly fits the current mass marketplace. But that's fine, too.

"We're very realistic," says Mercury president Ed Eckstine of the March 9 release.

"Listen to top 40 and [Lauren Christy] won't fit the format per se. But think [the album cut] 'Sleep' will be a very big hit, so we've got to develop a core audience of adults, female and then a sales base in order to really pop this thing. We can't expect MTV or top 40 out of the box."

So Mercury has a massive marketing campaign under way to pop the 25-year-old Londoner's



LAUREN CHRISTY

surprisingly mature reflections on romance and womanhood, as exhibited on first AC single, "You Know Me Wrong." Her songwriting ability is what first attracted the interest of Eckstine and A&R director Tom Vickers, who signed her to the label.

"I was immediately struck by Lauren's lyrical depth and sophistication," says Vickers, lauding Christy's "youthful approach to adult themes." For her part, Christy ducks being lumped with other emerging young female singer/songwriters.

"Everyone compares me to women, but I'm really more like Blue Nile or Sting," she says. "I just try to write good songs at the piano."

In London, where Christy grew up listening to the "computerized stuff" of Duran Duran and the Human League, she focused bands before focusing on songwriting and landing a publishing deal through songwriters Tony Hatch. After signing with Mercury, Christy moved to Los Angeles and left all her recording equipment behind.

"Having lived my whole life in London,

I decided to throw myself into the deep end and go somewhere where I didn't know anybody. All I had was a keyboard and amp. As much as I believe in traditional productions, you have to be able to write your song at the piano and get it across."

Additionally, Mercury marketing manager Marty Moudenberg details a marketing promotion concentrating on on-stage and retail chain tying in with existing programs using in-store listening posts. An "Alternative marketing" campaign, he adds, will provide 140 movie theaters with CDs for play, along with voiceover IDs and projection slides.

A concurrent "boutique" campaign is directed at more than 600 nonstore retailers nationwide—restaurants, clothing stores, beauty salons—and involves "Now playing" Christy counter displays containing CD coupons good for a 10 percent discount.

The 11,000 recipients of the Twoeds women's clothing album will also get a Christy cassette sampler with an 800-number for ordering the full album. A limited-edition cassette is planned for Metropolitan Home residents, who are

chains, notes Kennedy. Those programs provide sale pricing and prominent positions in listings, in exchange for buying into the chain's advertising program.

The second prong of the marketing campaign consists of capitalizing on the high-profile tour spot May has landed as opener for Guns N' Roses. The tour began in mid-February and runs through April. Where the schedule allows, May and his band will headline their own concerts in cities that the tour doesn't reach.

May says his spot on the GNR tour came about by accident. "I signed the band as very good friends," he says. "I only discovered that they wanted a support act by accident when I was talking to their agent. She sent me a personal message, asking me to be a special guest on the tour. I was very happy to say yes."

For the tour, May has put together a band that consists of drummer Guy Powell and bassist Neil Murray, both of whom played on the album, as well as Styke Edney on keyboards, Jamie Moses on guitar, and Kathy Putter and Shelby Preston on background vocals. The band already did a warm-up tour of South America.

While Mercury served as Queen's primary vocalist, May often took lead on a few other albums, but he's looking to make major contributions to the intimate harmony vocals that become a Queen trademark. In stepping into the lead-singer slot on the album and now on the tour, May says he initially tries to "sing like I feel," and then, with practice, develops vocal techniques.

May says that while his current commitments are devoted to launching his solo career, there may be more Queen music coming down the pike. "There is some material left which Freddie sang... we probably will use one more album," he says. But the idea of going on tour with the remaining members of Queen is not appealing to May. "I can't picture it doing that, but who knows what the future will bring."

basically the single, urban, upscale female demo Mercury is targeting.

"With an artist like Lauren, you can't go there with average, everyday marketing and promotion avenues," Moudenberg says. "We have to establish her name and a base on adult radio before top 40 or even VH1, which is gold-based. But one way or another, people will know about her."

JIM HESSEMAN

LOUIE GETS STARTED

Louie Louie is grateful for every moment that Madonna is no longer a part of his life.

No, there isn't discussion brewing between the two artists. He has simply grown weary of fielding questions about appearing in the music video for the pop icon's mid-'80s hit, "Borderline."

"When you work as hard as I do on music, that is what you hope people will want to discuss," Louie says.

Fortunately, the tide finally seems to be turning in Louie's favor. The Southern California native's current single, "Breakin' It," is a smash throughout Europe, while his Reprise debut, "Let's Get Started," is gathering critical kudos here and abroad. After enduring what he describes as a long and traumatic gap since his 1991 WGTG hit "Sting In The Lap Of Luxury," Louie says he feels a sense of creative validation he did not several years ago.

"I constantly doubted myself when I

was on Epic," he says. "From my perspective, I didn't get the kind of constructive feedback an artist needs when he's trying to make music. But there's something about being knocked down that makes you want to show people that you really have it."

For Louie, part of that process was taking control of the production for "Let's Get Started." The result is what he calls "energetic and uplifting recording to date."

They inspired me to push myself, vocally, and really expanded my range."

Louie is currently playing midweek venues and clubs across Europe. He likely will bring his live act to the States in early spring. Meanwhile, Reprise is mulling over choices for a new single to the U.S. among them are a dance-pop cover of Robert's "You're My Thing," "Breakin' It," and the singer's favorite track, "Walk With Me," an urban-mixed ballad.

"Traveling all around the world has had a tremendous impact on my writing," he says. "It'll be fun to see where it all takes me. Until then, I'm having a great time with the songs on this album. They feed my soul like nothing ever has."

LARRY PLECK

BRIAN MAY SOLO PROJECT

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through something like this, you think you are getting it. But when you come out of it, you can take on anything. You want challenges."

Currently, May's biggest challenge will be trying to establish himself as a solo artist. The album, which already is a hit in the U.K., Europe, and other territories, is off to a slow start in the U.S. It debuted at No. 159 on the Billboard 200 before suffering a second-week decline when it fell back to No. 199 (Feb. 27). On the other hand, the first single, "Driven By You," debuted at No. 26 on Billboard's Adult Rock Tracks chart.

But as Bill Kennedy, Hollywood VP

of sales, and Jim Martone, Hollywood VP of marketing, point out, the label all it needs to succeed is the right marketing campaign.

"The marketing campaign begins with building on the base of Queen fans," Martone says. "With Queen's resurgence, we went right to the core Queen outlets where the band had successes in the past."

But this time, "the destination is to position May as a front man, not just a lead guitarist, who writes, he sings," Martone adds.

At retail, Hollywood has already bought into many of the developing-adult programs offered by large retail



Written by Geoff Robinson and originally recorded by English crooner David Berry, "The Cryin' Game" reached the top 10 of the British charts in 1967. Last year, Virgin asked BOB LEONARD to select a record to record an updated version for a Shmunes Film soundtrack. "The Cryin' Game" after George recorded the standard. The new recording was produced by the first Shmunes production from the SHMUNES Records Group soundtrack.

Edited by Debbie Haddock

Movie director Neil Jordan says Dave Berry's version of "The Cryin' Game" is that cheap schmaltzy poetry about it that also tells something true about the emotional games one gets into. When I finished the movie, I wanted to do a new version of the song and thought of Boy George."

For Boy George, the decision to do it was not a simple one. "Obviously with cover songs, you have to be very conscious that you can do it justice," says George. "The idea of doing certain songs which I just would never touch. I listened to that song and thought, 'Yeah, I can definitely do this justice and I can make it my own.'"

But George's decision to participate in the soundtrack went beyond his interest in the song. "I had to be a fan that I agreed with morally and politically and in every other way. I went to a preview of the movie before I decided that I would do the song."

"The Cryin' Game" is published by Southern Music Pub. Co. Inc. (ASCAP) and Southern Music Pub. Co. Ltd. (PRS). It has also been recorded by Brenda Lee and Eamonn and the Zodiaks, both in 1965.

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AMPHITHEATERS GET COLD SHOULDER

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Such feelings help explain why some shed operators are upset about Lollapalooza's decision. Although there are a few isolated outdoor facilities that do not want the festival back because of problems from last year's stop "People think we're drug-crazed and we're going to murder them in their sleep," says co-promoter Ted Gardner, many managers consider the show one of 1993's best dates. "I'm thoroughly pissed off that they're skipping us after we have over 100 bands that have been last year," says one shed operator.

"I'm hoping that they'll play our buildings," says Rodney Eckerman, president of Houston-based Pace Facilities Group, which operates seven amphitheaters around the country. "I'm not sure they should play each and every one of them, but I believe many of them have the ideal circumstances for them."

Eckerman stresses that a balance

must be struck between freedom and accomodations. "If you get into the wrong outdoor location, besides the fact that your costs can become astronomical, you can get into traffic problems, inferior concession stands, and other complications, so that the added value of that unstructured atmosphere becomes unrecognized as people start to look at all the inconveniences."

SOB STORY

Any problem amphitheaters are having due to a lack of shows pale in comparison to challenges facing arenas. As more acts choose to tour in the summer, the number of shows at large indoor venues continues to spiral downward, leaving operators desperate to recapture some of the business.

"The indoor touring industry just isn't there anymore," says Jam Productions' Arny Granat. "There are

two or three [arena] tours out, at best, during the fall and winter."

"We just don't know how to get the business back," says Michael Rowe, C.M. of the local promoter Brendan Byrne Arena in East Rutherford, N.J. Rowe says the arena used to average 40 shows a year, and now it's down to about 15. An attempt to compete with amphitheaters by operating an outdoor stage last summer on the grounds of the complex did not meet expectations and isn't being repeated. "We've offered Jimmy [Koplik] and his partner any kind of unique deal; we'll risk almost all of our rent to co-promote; we're willing to break you in on concessions and parking."

Troy Collins with Spectra Management, which operates arenas throughout the country, notes that with promoters struggling to fill the amphitheaters they're built, conflicts can occur when playing a date. "In his heyday, the [Philadelphia] Spectrum used to do 60 to 70 concerts a year. Now it's in the mid-20s. We need to discuss with promoters what the best way for them to bring acts to the amphitheater to meet their payments and still provide us with staff. From a financial standpoint, they're not going to be able to afford to bring some acts indoors in the summer."

With all parties frenzied to get dates, the traditional route of the booking agent calling the promoter to ask him or her to place a show for a show at the local arena is often crumbling. And while promoters and agents at the conference suggested it is time for everyone to work together to end the chaos and get organized, Gardner notes that expecting the old ways of business to return is like "telling someone to remarry his ex-wife—it isn't gonna happen."

THAT'S COUNTRY

While many promoters and venue managers bemoan the lack of a variety of rock acts currently touring, country booking agents are worried about too much of a good thing. "We're counting 28 country headlining tours coming up," says Creative Artists Agency's Ron Baird. "Relative to rock'n'roll, that's not much, but there's always been a gentlemen's agreement in Nashville not to go in on top of each other and try to have between three and four weeks between dates. Now we're seeing the strong-willed, aggressive, well-perish mentality that's prevalent in rock starting."

In fact, venue operators are picky and choosy: country shows based on what they feel the market will bear. Joe Sassano, assistant director of Notre Dame Arena in South Bend, Ind., says he had to pass on Jackson and McEride dates because they were too close to a Vince Gill/Mary-Chapin Carole tour in which he had already committed.

Though country's surging popularity is evident on radio, with the exception of a few acts, country just reached the proportions to pick up rock's slack in the live arena. "I

Acts Jockeying For Spot On '93 Lollapalooza Bill

ORLANDO, Fla.—For many alternative music fans, summer will be marked officially June 15 when Lollapalooza '93 kicks off at the Univ. of British Columbia in Vancouver.

However, for the event's organizers, summer started last October when they began planning this year's tour. The challenge: to pick through a list of about 150 bands and find the perfect bill for this year's lineup.

In just three years, Lollapalooza, the brainchild of Jane's Addiction founder Perry Farrell, has grown into the major music festival of the year, combining alternative bands with sideshow attractions and booths by socially conscious organizations.

Farrell, along with the show's producers Ted Gardner and Stuart Ross, and William Morris Agency booking agent Don Muller, pick who gets a slot on the tour. "The whole purpose of starting Lollapalooza was no one was really looking after younger bands," says Gardner.

The list of 160 bands now has been narrowed down to 40. The bill will be whittled down to seven main-stage acts to be announced in the coming weeks, says Gardner. "We don't read the trades; we don't watch MTV. It's our idea of who we think should be on the tour," he says, adding, "It's a matter of examining who's available, who's re-

leasing an album. We need two bands that are reasonably recognizable."

However, booking agents certainly do have their part to lobby for their bands—and to get the runner mill started. "Every agency submits all their alternative bands and then tells the bands' managers that their act's name has been submitted. Then the acts start hearing their name [in conjunction with the tour] and suddenly their friends are asking, 'I hear you're playing Lollapalooza,'" says Ross, laughing.

Because Lollapalooza has established an identity that goes beyond the individual acts, Gardner says, "this year we can afford to be a little more eclectic and left field," although he says the music mix won't change drastically. Plans for 1993 call for the second stage, which featured local acts on each date last year, to include four bands that will tour with the attraction as well as continue a case of regional bands. "These will be acts that are signed to a major or an indie who will get included in the merchandise. It will start with one band on the half and then another two bands for the [rest]. The idea is to give these younger bands the opportunity to play major venues and they might not be able to be in front of otherwise. We'll get them to break even and give them exposure," Gardner says.

MELINDA NEWMAN

invite venues [that are hurting for dates] to look at country," says Baird. "But we don't have a lot of acts that can fill 20,000 seats."

While few major acts have lowered their guarantees, some smaller acts are being forced to cut their prices or risk having promoters pull the show.

"One of the biggest problems in promoters pulling out of gigs," says Ian Fiedler, of The Big Bang, a British tour coordination company that works in the U.S. with acts as New Model Army, Public

Image Ltd., Soap Dragons, EMP, and Aspet Casanova. At recently, two years ago, promoters were willing to renegotiate if ticket sales were weak on a show, he says. However, in these recessionary days, "there's no cushion and they aren't prepared to talk."

The Big Bang's Phil Hamilton cites the case of one of his own club acts that charged \$7,000 per gig in 1989. When it played the same size venues in 1992, it had to drop its price to \$3,000 to get promoters to take the date.

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Hot And Groovy. Infectious Grooves' limited edition "Sensipicus Ark" is outpacing the group's debut, which had a one-week stay at No. 196 on The Billboard 200, and sits at No. 6 on Heatseekers. The new title debuts on the big chart at No. 109. It's the top-selling Heatseeker album in three different regions.

Party Time. Blossom's star Mayim Bialik, second from right, heads Hollywood's new Party, whose new single, "All About Love," aimed on this series' highest-rated episode ever, Feb. 8.



Never Before. Kam, a 22-year-old Los Angeles singer, is signed to Ice Cube's Street Knowledge label, bypasses Heatseekers, as "Never Again" debuts at No. 24 on Top R&B Albums. The title also makes a respectable debut on The Billboard 200, entering at No. 131. Kam's recording debut began when he appeared on the "Boyz n the Hood" soundtrack.

HONOR ROLL: Denis Leary and Confederate Railroad become the 12th and 13th acts to graduate from Heatseekers in 1993.

Leary, whose Showtime special premiered Feb. 20, moves on with a 106-90 jump on The Billboard 200. He sits 9% gain in sales and, with the Showtime exposure, he likely will see a bigger gain next week.

Confederate Railroad moves to No. 21 on Top Country Albums and graduates after 42 weeks on Heatseekers.

Acts are removed from Heatseekers when any career album hits the top half of The Billboard 200, the top 25 of Top R&B Albums or Top Country Albums, or the top five of one of our other popular-format album charts.

AGAIN: Jackyl rings up its sixth week as the No. 1 Heatseeker, and holds the record for weeks topping this chart. In fact, that's twice the number of weeks any other act has been the No. 1 Heatseeker.

Four acts—the Chieftains, Curtis Stigers, Helmet, and Trey Lorenz—are tied for second place with four weeks each on the slot.

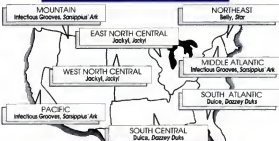
BLOSSOM BOUQUET: Is Mayim Bialik bidding to become the Oprah Winfrey of her generation? In two recent episodes, Bialik's NBC sitcom, "Blossom," was used as a launch pad for youth-oriented artists.

Bialik's lead costar, Joey Lawrence, used the show's Feb. 15 episode to air the debut of his "Notion My Love Can't Fix" video. As a result of the "Blossom" exposure, Lawrence—who is becoming a regular fixture on the cover of teen mags—sees his sales almost triple over those posted in the album's first week on the street. His debut enters Heatseekers at No. 5 and The Billboard 200 at No. 146.

The week before Lawrence's video debut, the "Blossom" show featured the premiere of a new single by Hollywood's the Party. The Teddy Riley-composed "All About Love" is the

second song from the Party's latest. Although the appearance has yet to generate sales or radio action, the ratings for the Feb. 8 episode were significant. The Party's hit garnered a 29 share, which, to that point, marked the highest ratings in "Blossom" history.

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3 Jackyl, <i>Jackyl</i>	3	3 Jackyl, <i>Notion My Love Can't Fix</i>	3
4 Dulce, <i>Puzzle</i>	4	4 Dulce, <i>Puzzle</i>	4
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8 Mark Collie, <i>Mark Collie</i>	8	8	8
9 Mark Collie, <i>Mark Collie</i>	9	9	9
10 A Lighter Shade Of Brown, <i>Up The Ladder</i>	10	10	10

BIG HEADED: If Giant's Big Head Todd And The Monsters debut on Heatseekers next week, you can bet the lion's share of the Colorado trio's sales will come from its home state. The band has a following in its backyard by releasing two albums on its own label and distributing them nationally through Caroline.

Proof of the band's hometown popularity came when it's Giant debut hit the lists Feb. 23. On the prior evening, the trio played a three-hour show at the Boulder Theatre that was broadcast live on KBCB. It then headed next door to a Rocky Mountain Records livehouse, which opened at midnight to sell the Monsters' "Sister Sweetly" album. The band signed autographs until 3 a.m., and Giant's the Rocky Mountain store moved 550 copies.

The label also says the local Handelman branch has also brought in the title, and that by street date, the local Baker & Taylor one-stop had already sold through its 1,000-piece opening allocation. The Monsters were also scheduled for a Feb. 26 in-store visit at Boulder's Albums On The Hill.

The buzz is not confined to the Rockies. Nationally, 15 album-rock stations have added the act thus far, including two in Chicago. And, when the band played a January showcase at L.A.'s Roxy, a number of the ticket-buying attendees were already familiar with some of Todd's material. By the way, the Monsters' own label, through which it distributed its earlier albums, was named Big—no VP of publicity David Millman says it was only logical that the trio move on to a label called Giant.

Popular Upstarts is prepared by Geoff Mayfield with assistance from Roger Filton and Brett Atwood.

BILLBOARD'S HEATSEEKERS ALBUM CHART

WEEK	LAST	WEEK	ARTIST	TITLE
1	1	26	JACKYL, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	JACKYL
2	1	1	INFACTORY, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	SARSIPILUS ARK
3	4	6	DUICE, <i>WALK THROUGH BELLARUNA</i> (5061-5) 983	DAZZY DICKS
4	5	14	DAVID, <i>ALL ABOUT LOVE</i> (5061-5) 983	PUZZLE
5	1	1	JOEY LAWRENCE, <i>NOTION MY LOVE CAN'T FIX</i> (5061-5) 983	JOEY LAWRENCE
6	6	24	SCREAMING TREES, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	SWEET OBLIVION
7	7	7	MARK COLLIE, <i>MARK COLLIE</i> (5061-5) 983	MARK COLLIE
8	9	3	BELLY, <i>STAR</i> (5061-5) 983	STAR
9	13	9	POSTIVE K, <i>ALL ABOUT LOVE</i> (5061-5) 983	SKULLS DAY PAID BILLS
10	11	14	BASS OUTLAWS, <i>NEW AMERICAN EXPERIENCE</i> (5061-5) 983	ILLLEGAL BASS
11	12	5	JAYHAWKS, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	HOLLYWOOD TOWN HALL
12	10	17	SHAWN COLVIN, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	FAT CITY
13	8	2	JELLYFISH, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	SPLIT MILK
14	16	42	MICRIDE & THE RIDE, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	SACRED GROUND
15	14	3	BRIAN MAY, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	BACK TO THE LIGHT
16	15	3	YOUNG BLACK TEENAGERS, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	DEAD END KIDZ DOIN' LIFETIME
17	17	5	CLANNED, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	ANIM
18	25	3	GUN BLOSSOMS, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	NEW MIZABIAN EXPERIENCE
19	18	24	SUGAR, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	COPPER BLUE
20	26	3	SUNSCREEN, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	03

The Heatseekers chart lists the best-selling titles by new & developing artists, defined as those who have never appeared on the top 100 of The Billboard 200 chart, nor in the top 25 of the R&B Albums or Top Country Albums charts, nor the top five of any other Billboard album chart. When an album reaches any of these levels, the album and the artist's subsequent albums are immediately ineligible to appear on the Heatseekers chart. All albums are eligible on cassette and CD. *Albums include week UP or down. **Albums with the greatest sales gain. © 1993, Billboard/BPI Communications.

21	19	18	RADNEY FOSTER, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	DEL RIO, TX 1995
22	21	35	2 UNLIMITED, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	GET READY
23	23	18	JUDE COLE, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	START THE CAR
24	31	3	STEREO MC'S, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	CONNECTED
25	20	45	ARC ANGELS, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	ARC ANGELS
26	24	14	KOOL G RAP & D.J. POLO, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	LIVE AND LET DIE
27	1	1	BLACK 47, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	BLACK 47
28	1	1	KING MISSILE, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	HAPPY HOUR
29	22	11	UNDERGROUND KINGS, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	TOO HARD TO SWALLOW
30	28	19	IZZY STRADLIN AND THE JU JU HOUNDS, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	IZZY STRADLIN
31	30	5	GIBSON/MILLER BAND, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	WHERE THERE'S SMOKE
32	39	62	TECHMASTER P.E.S., <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	BASS COMPUTER
33	32	21	TREY LORENZ, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	TREY LORENZ
34	29	13	MOODSWINGS, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	MOODFOOD
35	2	2	WHITE ZOMBIE, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	LA SEXCIDE: DEVIL MUSIC VOL. 1
36	35	13	MARY KATE & ASHLEY DISEN, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	BROTHER FOR SALE
37	34	5	BASS 300, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	DIGITAL BASS
38	35	11	UTAH SAINTS, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	UTAH SAINTS
39	27	14	DAN BAIRD, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	LOVE SONGS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED
40	33	23	CHARLES & EDDIE, <i>ENTREPRENEUR</i> (5061-5) 983	DUPHONIC



Pendulum Gets Taste-Clued. Pendulum/Elektra recording artist Tene Williams recently completed her self-titled debut album, to be released in April. The first single, due Thursday (4), is titled "Give Him A Love He Can Feel." Here the artist delivers the finished master to excited Pendulum execs. Shown, from left, are Randy Ethier and Mekay Ethier, managers; Williams; Ruben Rodriguez, president/CEP, Pendulum; and David Gliner, head of business affairs, Pendulum.

Levert Yarns For The 'Good Ol' Days' Group Updates '70s Funk/R&B On Latest Album

MOVE IT ALONG: Of interest this week: Levert, back with its "For Real, Tho'" on Atlantic. As the title of the lead-off single, "The Good Ol' Days," indicates, this Cleveland writing/producing/performance team has attempted to revive some overlooked '70s funk/R&B and combine it with a contemporary/hip-hop edge. And with Gerald Levert already launched as a solo star, this album allows Sean Levert and Marc Gordon to venture further into the spot light. A feel-good, fun time from beginning to end, Levert is positioning itself for the long-term career stability enjoyed by its "progenitors," the O'Jays. Try the title track, "She's All That," and midnight-hour ballads "My Place (Your Place)" and "Say You Will."

Fans of Dionne Warwick may find her new "Friends Can Be Lovers" set a pleasant surprise. With production/songwriting aid from Ian Devaney and David Morris with Lisa Stansfield, Warwick's son David Elliott and partner Terry Steele, drummer Harvey Mason (on the Sting tune "Fragile"), and Burt Bacharach & Hal David the team that put Donnie on the map with tunes like "Don't Make Me Over," "Walk On By," and "Message To Michael," Barry Eastmond, and Masaki Kubo, Warwick has found the right package of contemporary songs to set off her thirty-year blast for programmers, apart from sunny lead-off "Sunny Weather Lover," are title track, the groovy "Much Too Much," and warm, winning duet with cousin Whitney Houston "Love Will Find A Way."

I am extremely excited about the new Tene Williams record, "Give Him A Love He Can Feel" (Pendulum). Williams is an able vocalist, with a sweet snap to her style, and she stakes her claim to her man over a thumping, club-ready track with a chorus featuring wisely placed organ fills, violin waxes, and a shuffling cornet hook that combines new breed hip-hop with old school disco sensibilities. Can't wait for the album!

AID FOR BLACK FARMERS: Artists and labels,

take heed. America's farmers are in trouble, and many of them are black. According to Frank Cooley of the newly formed Black Farm Aids of America, "Black farmers are forced to relinquish more than 1,000 acres each day, which is 10 times higher than the rate for white farmers. Struggling black farmers in the region just receive an average of \$21,000 less than white farmers who borrow from the Farmers' Home Administration." For this reason, Cooley is reaching out for artists to appear at a three-day Memorial Day Black Farm Aids event that would conclude with a concert May 29 at Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Ark. Plans for a pay-per-view concert deal with Showtime are in the works. Interested parties should contact David Harris at 800-472-5539.



by Janine McAdams

MOIRE POWER JAM: Conventions are traditionally used by labels to roll out a cavalcade of talent for radio programmers and retailers, and Urban Network '93 was the site of some notable performances. Among the highlights: Silas Records during Chante Moore; Epic's charismatic Trey Lorenz and Ocean Group's hip-hop band featuring Mik Howard and Jade; A&M's introduction of balladeer Rodney Mansfield, British newcomer Dina Carroll, and Perspective's Lo-Key (who took the roof off); and Motown's Motown artist Norman Brown and promoting new rap group Trends Of Culture (whose first single, "Off And On," dropped Feb. 23). Also of note: R.I. Williams of American Urban Network continues the rollout of his new syndicated "Top 30 Countdown" featuring Wendy Williams and Vanille Brown... Sharon Heyward officially took the reins as president of Perspective Records Feb. 16, as Kevin Fleming, who helmed the label until now, moves to the key position at Perspective's Publisher, Atlantic Tyne Turner... Wendell Greene, formerly of Giant Records, is now A&R director for Fox Records... 40-year old veteran George Woods tells his life story

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Angela Bofill Returns To Form Zomba Pub Deal Leads To Jive Signing

■ BY DAVID NATHAN

LOS ANGELES—With the release of "I Wanna Love Somebody," her debut album on Jive, singer/songwriter Angela Bofill is enjoying renewed impact following a four-year hiatus as a recording artist. While Bofill has been performing consistently both domestically and overseas since 1979 (when "Angie," her much-acclaimed first album for GRP was released), the initial reaction to her Jive project suggests that her recording career is experiencing new momentum.

New to Jive, Bofill has a series of recordings under her belt. Her second set for GRP was 1989's now-classic "Angie Of The Night," and she also recorded four albums for Arista and "Intuition" for Capricorn in 1990.

According to Bofill, a past com-



ANGELA BOFILL

pany, led to the association with her new recording home. The Zomba deal was spurred by the recent success of some of Bofill's earlier compositions: In 1991, Will Downing scored an R&B hit with "I Try," and Jennifer Holliday made her "I'm On Your Side" the title track for her Arista debut.

"I had no idea some of my tunes were being covered," says Bofill, "but I was very happy. It was like my songs had some longevity and these covers certainly helped me get a publishing deal."

Zomba played demos of tunes by singer/producer Eve Nelson to Bofill and manager Lauren Little. As a result, Bofill expressed interest in collaborating with Nelson, whose previous work included writing jingles and television themes.

"We wrote two songs, 'I Wanna Love Somebody' and 'I Still Believe In Love,' and we demoed them. When we played them to Jive, they

were done. Next thing, we were doing an entire album," says Bofill.

After woodshedding in New York in early 1992, "using Eve's eight-track setup, rehearsing, and really preparing so that I knew exactly what I wanted to do in the studio," Bofill says she cut eight tunes with Nelson producing, including English and Spanish versions of their composition "Heavenly Love." Producer Preston Glass contributed "Always A Part Of Me," a duet recorded by Bofill with saxophonist Kirk Whalum, which also appears on his new "Cacher" album.

According to Vannell Johnson, Jive's VP of R&B promotion, the label has received "extremely good response" to Bofill's album. "We decided not to release a single first, which is definitely a different approach. We feel that Angela is the kind of artist who makes real, full-out albums and that putting out a single might be stifling to the project."

Johnson notes the album has been serviced to adult alternative, jazz, and contemporary R&B stations. "We've been getting strong reaction on a number of cuts, including both English and Spanish versions of 'Heavenly Love,' 'To Amoo,' 'Always A Part Of Me,' and the title track. Although the R&B outlets are naturally playing out the album more slowly, we're also getting play in regular rotation on some stations," he says.

Of her album, Bofill comments, "I'm honestly very proud of it," and notes she is pleased by her association with Jive. "When I started out in this business, I had a lot of creative input," she says. "That became limited in certain situations... I felt after 15 years, who should anyone tell me what to record?... Jive is a small company and there's a real team effort."

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Basehead Asks: Do You Wanna (Moan) Or What?

■ BY CHRIS MORRIS

LOS ANGELES—You know something strange is going on with Basehead when Michael Ivey, the leader of the Washington, D.C.-based group, says the first radio track from the group's new album is titled "Do You Wanna Fuck (Or What)?"

Ivey himself has directed a video for the track, drawn from the hip-hop band's second Imagino album, "Not In Kansas Anymore."

Of course, the song is not being issued as originally recorded. Taking a page from Prince's profanely titled "Sexy MF," the track has been edited.

"On the single, it only says 'fuck' like five times," Ivey explains. "We took out the word and put in a moan, a woman moaning."

While the title of the song could raise some eyebrows in feminist cir-

cles, Ivey maintains that he means no disrespect to womanhood in general.

"On the surface, you hear the title, you think it's like 2 Live Crew," he says. "That it's describing a certain type of female, and who she wants. Noting that the track includes a woman making an ironic spoken commentary on the lyrics, he adds, "I give the woman a chance to get their two cents in."

The video for "Do You Wanna Fuck" is the maiden directorial effort by Ivey, who was a film production major at the University of Maryland.

"One of my further goals is directing [movies]," Ivey says. I've always been into theatrical stuff."

Basehead's theatrical side, so apparent in the spoken address on the group's debut, "Play With Toys," is on view on "Not In Kansas Anymore," which again incorporates play-

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TERRI ROSSI'S RHYTHM SECTION

I CAN SEE EVEN MORE CLEARLY NOW: "19Naughtyll!" by *Nature* (Tommy Boy) makes a surprisingly low debut on the Top R&B Albums chart at No. 69. Well, the real story is not of a weak entry on the charts, but of premature sales. Over the past few years, manufacturers have had an ongoing battle with one-stop operators, who sell to the majority of the independent retail stores on our R&B retail panel, about early street sales of newly released albums. Uni, P&B, and Sony distribution all have waged serious street-date battles with one-stops over this issue as far back as August 1990. In the past, this made for great editorial coverage. But now, with advances in retail information collection, using point-of-sale scanning techniques, infractions of street dates are captured and end up in print on various charts. The official in-store date for the *Naughtyll* album was Feb. 23. The sales period for data included in this week's charts ended at midnight Feb. 21.

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED: Over the past year, there have been times when the politics of the conversion of the R&B sales charts have been more important than the details and implementation of many of the changes. An important issue has surfaced this week about SoundScan's ability to protect the integrity of its data and therefore of the Billboard charts. I can't tell you how many times I have participated in meetings at various national black music conventions and someone has taken the microphone to declare that no system is infallible and they were sure that even they would be able to find a way to beat SoundScan's system. All of the details of the recent attempts by one store to beat the system may not be fully known (see story, page 94), but it is so way diminishes my belief that the current system is the best we have at the present time.

Upcoming revisions to specific locations of chain stores will improve the quality of the charts. We hope everyone who has a stake in the chart system will continue to look for quality independent stores that are computerized and whose owners are willing to provide their data honestly for use in the charts. Human nature being what it is, we cannot be surprised that there are some who would try to manipulate the system. These people exist in most every industry. The other side of the story is much brighter. First of all, they were caught. So SoundScan's programming that detects sales aberrations was tested and was proven to work. Secondly, I am proud of the hundreds of independent retailers, in all formats, who have not fallen prey to dishonest promoters and falsified retail information. Changing the R&B retail reporting process to include computer applications has been a tough job, but somebody's got to do it! The charts are better than they have been in the almost seven years that I have been in charge of this format. One or two retailers won't steal my joy.

SPEAKING OF JOY: Turn back a couple of pages to *Popular Upbringings* on page 21. Take a look at the regional breakouts. "Live In Chicago," by the Gospel Music Workshop of America (Benson/A&M), is a top-10 regional Hottestmaker in the Northeast. This choir was founded by the late James Cleveland. I'd like to think that somehow he'll get to see this one in print.

BUBBLING UNDER HOT R&B SINGLES™

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST (LABEL/COUNTRY/STREET LABELS)
1	4	WETA	WETA (ONE NETWORK/FOREST/ONE)
2	7	THE THINGS THAT WE ALL...	FROM GARY (UNION SQUARE/ATLANTIC)
3	8	IF YOU EVER LOVED SOMEONE...	ON THE BEACHES (JIVE)
4	2	THEIR FROM THE STORM	LACKEY (JET/ONE)
5	5	KEEP TOUCHING ME	DEAN (EPIC)
6	18	SEND FOR ME	DEAN (EPIC)
7	21	LONG IS	WILLIAMS (MC/ATLANTIC)
8	16	CARRY GET MY HANDS	WILLIAMS (MC/ATLANTIC)
9	20	YOU'RE THE LOVE OF MY LIFE	WILLIAMS (MC/ATLANTIC)
10	25	SOMETHING ON THE HORIZON	WILLIAMS (MC/ATLANTIC)
11	17	THIS ONE'S FOR YOU	WILLIAMS (MC/ATLANTIC)
12	14	SALLY GOT A ONE TRACK MIND	WILLIAMS (MC/ATLANTIC)
13	11	IF I WERE YOU	WILLIAMS (MC/ATLANTIC)



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R&B RADIO PLAYLISTS, AND RETAIL SINGLES SALES
COLLECTED, COMPILED, AND PROVIDED BY *SoundScan*

				TITLE	PRODUCER (CONDUCTOR)	LABEL & NON-RECORDING RELEASE DATE	ARTIST
	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHART				
(1)	1	2	7	NUTHIN' BUT A 'G' THANG	*** No. 1 *** 2 weeks at no. 1 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	• DIR. DRE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
2	2	1	7	HIP HOP HODAY NIGHT BY NIGHT (MAJORITY BY NATURE)		• NAUGHTY BY NATURE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
3	4	4	9	GOIN' SOUTH I FEEL IT'S BETTER BELIEVE (MARTINUS BEALUS)		• DOBBY BROWN 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
4	3	4	16	DON'T WALK AWAY I REMEMBER (BOONDOO BROTHERS)		• JADE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(5)	5	10	9	I'M EVERY WOMAN (FROM THE BODYGUARD) I'M EVERYBODY (FROM THE BODYGUARD)		• WHITNEY HOUSTON 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
6	11	13	8	I'M SO INTO YOU I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• DRINK 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(7)	7	7	12	MR. MENDOC I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
8	34	33	3	FRESH ME I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• 31LK 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
9	8	6	12	REBORN OF SLICK (CHILD LIKE GAT) BUTTERFLY (GAT)		• DIGABLE PLANETS 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
10	9	15	7	COMPOSER I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• SHIA 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(11)	13	18	13	SO ALONE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• MEN AT LARGE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
12	11	11	17	GET A MAN I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• POSITIVE K 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
13	14	18	11	LOVE MAKES NO SENSE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• ALEXANDER DUNN 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
14	12	9	17	REMINISC I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• MARY J. BLONDE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
15	8	5	17	I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU (FROM THE BODYGUARD) I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• WHITNEY HOUSTON 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(16)	18	32	4	SWEET THING I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• MARY J. BLONDE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(17)	24	37	5	HAT 2 O A BACK I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• TLC 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
18	16	23	5	HERE WE GO AGAIN! I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• PORTINAC 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(19)	22	27	4	I HAVE NOTHING (FROM THE BODYGUARD) I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• R. KELLY & PUBLIC ANNOUNCE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(20)	37	—	2	QUALITY TIME I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• WHITNEY HOUSTON 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
21	13	17	13	TURN IT UP I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• IN-TRANCE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
22	17	15	16	***POWER PICK/SALES*** I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• SNOW 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(23)	28	28	11	SHOOP SHOOP NEVER STOP (GIVE YOU LOVE) I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• MICHAEL OBERN 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
24	35	36	12	IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• DAVID BROWNE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
25	19	17	12	BABY I'M FOR REAL (NATURAL HIGH) I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• AFSTER 7 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
26	25	21	10	HAPPY DAYS I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• GLORIA 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
27	23	19	12	GOT A THING GOIN' ON I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• DAVID BROWNE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
28	27	26	12	RUMP SHAKKA I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• DAVID BROWNE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
29	29	22	26	LOVE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT YOU HOME (FROM "BOOMERANG") I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• TONI BRAXTON 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
30	26	20	24	A WHOLE NEW WORLD (ALADIN'S THEME) I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• PEABO BRYSON AND THE NEW POWER GENERATION 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
31	26	24	14	GAZZLY DUKS I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• DUKE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
32	32	34	17	GAMES I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• CHUCKLE BROTHER 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
33	30	26	26	QUTTY I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• PAPERBONE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(34)	38	41	6	IT HURTS ME I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• CHANTE MOORE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
35	36	29	13	KISS OF LIFE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• SADE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(36)	42	51	3	IT HURTS ME I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• SADE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
37	30	43	15	IT HURTS ME I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• SADE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
38	37	21	12	CHAZZ DUKE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• DUKE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
39	38	15	21	GOOD ENOUGH I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• CECE PENISTON 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
40	38	15	21	GOOD ENOUGH I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• CECE PENISTON 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
41	40	15	21	GOOD ENOUGH I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• CECE PENISTON 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
42	50	52	7	EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• ROBERT M. C. 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
43	40	39	21	MURDER SHE WROTE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• CHAKA DEMME & PLEBS 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(42)	52	52	7	SWEET ON U I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• JOCKEY 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
44	42	21	29	ALL I SEE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(44)	47	51	3	GOOD OLYS I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• LEVITT 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
45	43	13	12	RELEASE ME I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• MIKI HOWARD 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
46	43	44	24	MAKE LOVE 2 ME I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• LORENZO 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
47	43	33	12	IT MUST BE LOVE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• GOOD GIRLS 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
(46)	44	49	7	PHOTOGRAPHS OF MARY I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• TRACY LORAN 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	
48	54	51	20	NO ORDINARY LOVE I'M A MISTERY (IN A MISTERY)		• SADE 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2) 10/21/91 (2)	

THE TIME	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHART	TITLE	ARTIST
30	57	68	7 WELCOME TO MY LOVE I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ RACHELLE FERRELL (C) MURRAY CLOSE/ATLANTIC
31	56	63	8 GIVE IT TO YOU I'M COULD (A. MORRIS)	◆ MARTHA WASH (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
32	7	—	9 I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ REGINA BELLE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
33	53	69	10 GANGSTA BITCH I'VE CALLED YOU (A. MORRIS)	◆ AFFACHE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
34	66	74	11 CAN HE LOVE US LIKE THIS I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ AFTER 7 (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
35	58	66	12 LOVE THANG I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ INTRO (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
36	64	71	13 NEVER DO YOU WRONG I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ STEPHANIE MILLS (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
37	68	61	14 IT'S ALRIGHT I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ CHANTÉ MOORE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
38	75	77	15 TELLIN' ME STORIES I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ BIG RURL (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
39	45	35	16 ME & MRS. FERGUSON I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ FREDGIE JACKSON (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
40	48	50	17 SAVING FOREVER FOR YOU (FROM "DEVERLY HILLS, 90210") I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ SHANICE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
41	58	57	18 IT'S A SHAME I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ KISS KISS (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
42	51	58	19 CONFUSED I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ TEAM CARRICO (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
43	65	69	20 WHO GOT THE PROPS I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ BLACK MOON (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
44	70	72	21 I SHOULD HAVE LOVED YOU I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ CHUCKY BOKER (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
45	63	67	22 I WAS A KING I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ LODE MURRAY FEATURING SHABBA NASS (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
46	91	—	23 IT WAS A GOOD DAY I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ C.C. CURVE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
47	68	65	24 MY LOVE (CAN I HAVE A WORD) I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ HIR LEE FEATURING R. KELLY (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
48	74	75	25 HEYLE GIP I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ SHABBA NASS (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
49	56	67	26 IT'S GONNA BE A LOVELY DAY I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ THE S.O. U.S. S.V.E.T. (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
POWER PICK/AIRPLAY				
76	98	—	27 HONEY CUP I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ PORTRAIT (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
77	61	62	28 DAMN U I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ PRINCE AND THE NEW POWER GENERATION (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
78	72	79	29 THE SUM A-SUMMER I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ REOMAN (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
79	60	55	30 IN THE SKIN OF THE MONTE (FROM "THE JACKSONS") I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ BOY 11 MEN (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
80	74	59	31 WHO'S THE MANT I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ HEAVY D & THE BOYZ (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
81	75	76	32 KNOCK-N-BUNT I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ WRECKIN' IN EFFECT (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
82	85	90	33 NEVER BEFORE I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ SIMPLE PLEASURE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
83	88	—	34 TYPICAL REASON I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ PRINCE MARQUEE AND THE SOUL CONNECTION (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
84	83	80	35 TAP THE BOTTLE I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ YOUNG BLACK TEENAGERS (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
85	79	73	36 I CAN STAND THE PAIN I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ PRINCE AND THE NEW POWER GENERATION (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
86	97	—	37 I CAN'T STAND THE PAIN I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ PRINCE AND THE NEW POWER GENERATION (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
87	90	87	38 ONE MORE THING I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ MARK PRINCE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
88	73	81	39 ALL RIGHT NOW I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ PATTI LABELLE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
89	82	80	40 NO RHYME, NO REASON I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ GEORGE DUNN (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
90	62	58	41 CAN A LITTLE CLOSER I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ GENE REE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
91	55	36	42 THROW YA GUNZ I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ ONTX (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
92	76	64	43 ALL DAY, ALL NIGHT I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ STEPHANIE MILLS (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
93	86	82	44 GET THE POINT I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ C.C. B. (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
94	78	54	45 HEAVY D I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ RUDE BOYS (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
95	83	84	46 HEAL THE WORLD I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ MICHAEL JACKSON (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
96	NEW	—	47 OROP IT ON THE ONE I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ BROWN POSSE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
97	NEW	—	48 BORN 2 B.R.E.O. I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ MDINE LOVE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
98	NEW	—	49 IN OUR LOVE I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ CARON WHEELER (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
99	NEW	—	50 CROOKED OFFICER I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ GETO BOYS (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
100	NEW	—	51 FUNKY THING I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ LORDS OF THE UNDERGROUND (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
101	95	85	7 CHECK IT OUT I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ GRAND PUBA FEATURING T.J. BLUES (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
102	93	88	8 FOREVER IN LOVE I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ KENNY G (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
103	87	80	9 PUSH I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ TISHA (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
104	92	95	10 GOOD 4 U I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆ O' INFLUENCE (C) JIM KAY/ATLANTIC
105	81	70	11 PUNKS UP! UP TO GET SEAT DOWN I'M A MURDERER (A. MORRIS)	◆

Records with the greatest airplay and sales gain this week. *Video clip availability. **Recording Industry Assn. Of America (RIAA) certification for sales of 500,000 units. ▲RIAA certification for sales of 1 million units, with additional million indicated by a numeral following the symbol. Catalog number is for cassette single. *Asterisk indicates catalog number is for cassette maxi-single. regular cassette single unavailable. (C) Cassette single availability. (CD) CD single availability. (M) Cassette maxi-single availability. (V) Vinyl maxi-single availability. (X) Vinyl single availability. (X) CD maxi-single availability. © 1993, Billboard® Communications.

R&B Radio Monitor

R&B Singles Sales

Compiled from a national sample of 400 radio stations by Broadcast Data Systems. The chart shows the 50 most-played R&B singles in the U.S. for the week ending March 6, 1993. Songs listed by genre, not by chart position. For more information on the chart, see the R&B Singles chart on page 25.

LAST WEEK IN R&B SINGLES	TITLE (ARTIST LABEL/DISTRIBUTION LABEL)	THIS WEEK LAST WEEK IN R&B SINGLES	TITLE (ARTIST LABEL/DISTRIBUTION LABEL)	LAST WEEK IN R&B SINGLES	TITLE (ARTIST LABEL/DISTRIBUTION LABEL)	LAST WEEK IN R&B SINGLES	TITLE (ARTIST LABEL/DISTRIBUTION LABEL)
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Records with the greatest sales last week. *Weekend availability. **R&B certification for sales of 1 million units. Carating rap in the charts. **Album releases cataloging more in the charts: more singles, cassette singles, cassette albums. **Cassette singles availability. **CD single availability. **CD cassette single availability. **Vinyl single availability. **Vinyl cassette single availability. **CD cassette single availability. **1993, Billboard/EMI Communications.

RHYTHM AND BLUES

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to writer James G. Spady in the new book "I'm Only A Man" (FPC International Books), with introduction by fellow Philly resident Kenny Gamble. He was signing copies at Power Jam.

STUFF: Prince has announced that he will undertake a tour of theaters. For venues and dates, see *The Best*, page 16. The McHenry Medical School benefit has been postponed, yet again... A recent story about Bill Stephney's first movie in Cinema (Billboard, Feb. 6) may have given the impression that Stephney and MCA were solely responsible for pulling together the upcoming "CB4" soundtrack on MCA. In addition to Stephney and MCA, the film's producer, Nelson George; director Tamara Davis; and Kathy Nelson, MCA Entertainment Group's VP/GM, soundtracks, also played crucial roles in securing artists and songs for this project. Also, P.M. Dawn's "Nocturnal Is In The House" is not slated to be a single from the set.



Beauty & The Beastmaster. Sals Records vocalist Chanta Moore, left, greets artist/producer Prince Marique D. of Columbia's Prince Marique D. & The Soul Convention as flautist Bobby Humphrey looks on. The three were backstage after performing at a benefit concert for D.C. Statehood held at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

BASEHEAD ASKS: DO YOU WANNA (MOAN)?

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lets and nonmusical scene-setting into the band's hallmark songs. Speaking of the new album and its relationship to its predecessor, Ivey says, "In some ways it's similar, in some ways it's different. Conceptually it's similar, in all ways it's not of the characters. But I tried to explore a different side of myself."

BASEHEAD'S EDGE

Indeed, unlike "Play With Toys," which alternated heavily sang numbers about broken record and odes to beer-drinking, "Not In Kansas Anymore" boasts a harder edge. Tracks include the two-part "Brown Kises," which describes racial conflict and police harassment, and "Shondina Dumest," a tough number about black-on-black crime and white justice.



Basehead: Brian Hendrix, Michael Ivey, Clarence "Cope" Greenwood, Keith Lofton, and Bill Conway.

and producer for Basehead the performed most of "Play With Toys" himself, the group is most emphatically a real band: Drummer Brian Hendrix, guitarist Keith Lofton, and bassist Bill Conway round out the unit.

"I've live instrumentation, but it's manipulated in the studio to a certain extent," Ivey says, indicating the difference between Basehead and traditional hip-hop acts. "It doesn't have the expected samples and sounds." While Basehead does cleave to hip-hop convention with its use of DJ Clarence "Claisen Cope" Greenwood, Ivey adds, "He doesn't play music. He makes sounds—[he's] an instrument in his own self. He might scratch certain words for a special effect."

"It's not like I didn't have these thoughts before," Ivey says. "It just didn't fit into the concept last time... More people commented on the beer songs. But there were political songs there, too."

Ivey himself wryly comments on all the attention accorded "the beer songs" with some amusing self-referential dialog in "Brown Kises Pt. 2." While Ivey remains the songwriter

Last week, Basehead left for Europe on a promotional tour of acoustic gigs. No tour has been set to support "Not In Kansas Anymore," but Ivey says he'd like to be involved in a package tour of hip-hop acts, not unlike last year's stint with Arrested Development and Mc Phi Me.

"We're trying to find a cool one to get on," Ivey says of future tour possibilities.

ANGELA BOFFIL RETURNS TO FORM

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fort going on. I feel like I'm not going to get lost... and I like being the queen at the label."

Johnson admits that signing Boffil represents a departure for the label, best-known for its success with rap and hip-hop-oriented acts. "The album is the first venture in this musical arena since we became self-sufficient as a record company," he says, referring to Boffil's status as an independent entity distributed by BMG. "Sure, there were some people who were surprised to see Angela on our label, but music is music. As a record

company, we have to be able to diversify, and Angela fits right in with our plan to do just that."

Boffil, who enjoys strong popularity in a number of international markets, including Japan and the Philippines, plans a European trek in the near future. She currently is completing a series of club dates, including the Blue Note in New York and Blues Alley in Washington, D.C. Johnson adds that Boffil will actively participate in album promotion in each market she plays.



Royal Treatment. RCA vocalist Freddie Jackson is welcomed by Inna Tramp to her home at Trump Tower in Manhattan. Tramp and Jackson formerly were the co-hosts of an event on behalf of Vary Special Africa, an international organization that sponsors programs in the arts for mentally and physically handicapped children.

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THE RANK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHART	ARTIST	ALBUM & LABEL/DISTRIBUTING LABEL, SUGGESTED LIST PRICE (VS. EQUIVALENT FOR CASSETTE)	TITLE	WEEKS ON CHART
				*** No. 1 ***		
1	1	10	DR. OHN	DEATH ROW RECORDS/IMPULSE 122 9815-10	THE CHRONIC	1
2	6	14	SALA KEA	ELTRA/VEGETA 118 0815-10	LOSE CONTROL	2
3	6	14	SONDURICAK	A. AUSTIA 1804P-10 9815-10	THE JOVUNGAL	3
4	NEW	6	2PAC	INTERCOM/IMPULSE 122 9815-10	STRICTLY A MY IN G.U.Z.	4
5	6	—	DISCOTECH	DISCOTECH 122 9815-10	REACHIN' ON NEW REPUTATION OF TIME AND SPACE	5
6	6	14	KENNY G	A. AUSTIA 1804P-10 9815-10	TIMELESSNESS	6
7	6	6	SHAI	GASOLINE/IMPULSE 122 9815-10	IF I EVER LAIN IN LOVE	7
8	6	10	SAGE	EPIC 5047P-10 9815-10	LOVE DELIRIUM	8
9	6	6	MARY J. BLISS	A. AUSTIA 1804P-10 9815-10	WHATS THE 411	9
10	16	12	ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT	3 YEARS 3 MONTHS & 3 DAYS IN THE LIFE OF...	3 YEARS 3 MONTHS & 3 DAYS IN THE LIFE OF...	10
11	14	15	SWF MCA 8052P-10		IT'S ABOUT TIME	11
12	12	63	MICHAEL JACKSON	EPIC 4540P-10 9815-10	DA DANGEROUS	12
13	27	25	BOBBY BROWN	MCA 3041P-10 9815-10	ROBERT	13
14	9	4	BRAND NABIAN	ARCADE 4038P-10 9815-10	IN GOD WE TRUST	14
15	13	11	ICE CUBE	PRIORITY 5718P-10 9815-10	THE PREDATOR	15
16	17	14	CHRISTOPHER WALKER	UPPERM 1275P-10 9815-10	CHANGES	16
17	15	—	APACHE	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	APACHE ANT 54P-15	17
18	NEW	1	REGINA BELLE	COLUMBIA 4882P-10 9815-10	PASSION	18
19	18	—	ALEXANDER O'NEAL	TABU 8051P-10 9815-10	LOVE MAKES NO SENSE	19
20	25	24	SNOW	EASTWEST 1275P-10 9815-10	12 KINGS OF SNOW	20
21	13	8	HEAVY D	THE BOKE UPPIAN 1234AP-10 9815-10	BLUE PUNK	21
22	19	3	ABOUT THE LAME	PRIORITY 5718P-10 9815-10	BLACK MAMA LIFE	22
23	25	26	SONOCHACK	A. AUSTIA 2004P-10 9815-10	BOOMERANG	23
24	NEW	1	KAM STREET	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	NEVA AGAIN	24
25	21	17	WILKINSON EFFECT	MCA 3298P-10 9815-10	HARD ON SMOOTH	25
26	24	21	CHANCE MOORE	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	FIRECROSS	26
27	22	10	TEC	A. AUSTIA 1804P-10 9815-10	0000000000 ON THE TLC TP	27
28	23	20	JADE	CONTOUR 3446P-10 9815-10	JADE TO THE MAX	28
29	29	28	EN VOQUE	A. AUSTIA 1804P-10 9815-10	FUNNY BIVAS	29
30	28	25	PORTFANT	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	PORTFANT	30
31	27	23	EAZY E	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	5150 HOME & AWAY	31
32	28	29	BOYZ II MEN	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	COTLEDYHOMES	32
33	31	4	PAPERBAY	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	NEVA KINGS	33
34	25	28	KING TEE	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	THE TRIP/LIN ALBUM	34
35	33	17	PRINCE AND THE NEW POWER GENERATION	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	THE NEW POWER GENERATION	35
36	31	26	DUCE	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	DAZZLED DUCES	36
37	37	35	MEN AT LARGE	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	MEN AT LARGE	37
38	38	32	RENEE RALPH	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	WHATS THE ALBUM	38
39	34	34	KEVIN KULSH	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	BORN INTO THE 30'S	39
40	38	33	SHAMBA RAINES	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	A KITA RAINES	40
41	35	33	LOREY	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	WHERE DID IT ALL	41
42	NEW	1	KURT WISLIM	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	CACHE	42
43	37	27	HOUSE OF PAIN	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	TAKEN MY TIME	43
44	43	30	HOUSE OF PAIN	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	HOUSE OF PAIN	44
45	41	30	KRIS KROSS	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	TOTALLY KROBOSSED OUT	45
46	48	36	GETO BOYS	MCA 418P-10 9815-10	GETO BOYS THE BIGGEST UNCOLE	46
47	45	43	GEORGE DUKE	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	SMASHPOP	47
48	42	36	UNDERGROUND KINGS	IMPULSE 122 9815-10	TOO HARD TO SLOW DOWN	48

30	42	46	35	FATHOMS M. C. UPFURN (1580000.0) 96 161.5 961	CLOSE TO YOU	34
31	50	51	35	NADDEP PUGNA (1427) 96 161.5 961	BACK TO THE HOTEL	25
32	43	43	30	MARIAN CARRIE • COLUMBIA 52787 96 161.5 961	MY UNPLUGGED 17	17
33	50	50	61	74 CYPRUS HILL • NORTHOKE 4788000000.0 96 161.5 961	CYPRUS HILL 1	1
34	54	14	15	PATTI LABELLE (HIA 2001) 12 961.5 961	PATTI LABELLE LIVE 1	1
35	50	50	33	12 POSITIVE • COLUMBIA 8247 96 161.5 961	SHALL DART PAY DA BULL 50	50
36	49	50	31	LORENZO ALI (COLUMBIA 17810000.0) 96 161.5 961	LORENZO 16	16
37	54	54	54	SPICE • THIRD 4081 700 96 161.5 961	SINCE 1.4	1.4
38	43	43	50	JOCE • UPFURN 1518000.0 96 161.5 961	FORWARD MY LADY	34
39	45	45	29	DA LEROY • COLUMBIA 70001 120000.0 96 161.5 961	GUERRILLAS IN THE MIX 1	1
40	57	54	30	H-FIVE (HIA 4247) 12 961.5 961	KEEP IT GOIN' ON 1	1
41	58	59	33	RACHELLE FERRELL (HAWAIIAN 1370000.0) 96 161.5 961	RACHELLE FERRELL 34	34
42	54	14	13	STEPHANIE HILLS (HIA 10000.0) 96 161.5 961	SOMETHING REAL 22	22
43	52	48	37	GRAND PUBLIC (COLUMBIA 4124) 12 96 161.5 961	KEEL TO REEL 14	14
44	58	47	3	MICHAEL COOPER (SPICE 2000) 96 161.5 961	GET CLOSER 64	64
45	85	85	35	BASS DUTLAWS (NANTUCKET 2210) 96 161.5 961	ILLEGAL BAGS 48	48
46	51	51	2	ANGELA BOFFA (HIA 41037) 96 161.5 961	I WANNA LOVE SOMEBODY 1	1
47	48	48	21	COMPTON'S MOST WANTED (SPICE 1000000.0) 96 161.5 961	MUSIC TO DRIVEBY 29	29
48	70	68	8	JACCI MCQUEE (HIA 32007) 96 161.5 961	JACCI MCQUEE 68	68
49	NEW	1	1	1 NAUGHTY BY NATURE • TONYA BOY 10000 96 161.5 961	19 NAUGHTY 18	18
50	71	78	78	VANESSA WILLIAMS • WIND 14822 96 161.5 961	THE COMFORT ZONE 1	1
51	NEW	1	1	1 B-LIGHT THE SAVAGE • WIND 71207 96 161.5 961	1 TRYIN' TO GET A BUICK 71	71
52	70	79	73	BRIAN MCKNIGHT (MERCURY 7100) 96 161.5 961	BRIAN MCKNIGHT 20	20
53	64	63	23	MIKE HOWARD (COLUMBIA 24452) 96 161.5 961	FEMME FATALE 7	7
54	74	76	32	TOO SHORT • (HIA 4140) 12 96 161.5 961	SHOREY THE PIMP 7	7
55	65	61	22	AL B. SNEY • WANNABOY 12000 96 161.5 961	SEXY SNEAKS 2	2
56	69	70	56	TUVEY CAMPBELL • JACKEY 2001 • WANNABOY 96 161.5 961	T E V L S 6	6
57	62	56	3	TYRONE BLACK ATHLETES • (HIA 1000000.0) 96 161.5 961	DEAD END KID DON'T LITTLE BIRD 56	56
58	63	57	14	D.J. JIMI (NANTUCKET 10000) 96 161.5 961	IT'S JIMI 57	57
59	87	82	13	PATRIC SAVAGE • WIND 1015000.0 96 161.5 961	SLUFT WITH THE CROWD 23	23
60	81	82	33	HAIZE • (HIA 50000) 96 161.5 961	ALSTON AN ILLUSION 25	25
61	73	55	22	CHUCKIE BODDER (ATLANTIC 4010000.0) 96 161.5 961	NICE M M WILD 13	13
62	NEW	1	1	1 COMMON SENSE (ATLANTIC 10000) 96 161.5 961	1 CAN BURNIN' A DOLLAR 1	1
63	75	64	24	MAD COBBA (HIA 4000) 96 161.5 961	HARD TO WEET, EASY TO DRY 17	17
64	78	71	21	BUSBYWICK BILL (HIA 4000) 96 161.5 961	LITTLE BIG MAN 1	1
65	91	75	38	DIAMOND AND THE PSYCHOTIC NEUROLOGICS • (HIA 4000) 96 161.5 961	STUNTS, BLAUNTS & HP HP 47	47
66	NEW	1	35	1 PETER ROCK & C.C. SMOOTH (COLUMBIA 10000) 96 161.5 961	1 MECCA AND THE SOUL BROTHER 7	7
67	79	78	7	1 BIG BOY (COLUMBIA 10000) 96 161.5 961	1 COMIN' AT CHA 30	30
68	78	77	37	FREDDIE JACKSON (CAPRI 10000) 96 161.5 961	TIME FOR LOVE 5	5
69	72	79	81	NATALIE COLE • (HIA 4000) 96 161.5 961	UNPLUGGED 16	16
70	63	64	61	GERALD LEVINTH • (COLUMBIA 10000) 96 161.5 961	PRIVATE LINE 1	1
71	90	86	53	1 SR MED-A-LAD • 200 AMERICAN/SPICE 242000000.0 96 161.5 961	1 MACK DADDY 19	19
72	86	81	20	TREY LORENZ (SPICE 10000) 96 161.5 961	TREY LORENZ 2	2
73	NEW	1	1	1 INCANTATION (HIA 1000) 96 161.5 961	1 TRENDS, TREES & SCYTHES 33	33
74	NEW	1	1	1 WALTER RESLER (HIA 1000) 96 161.5 961	1 INTIMACY 54	54
75	85	88	46	DA EPY • (HIA 1000) 96 161.5 961	1 DEAD SEVENS 1	1
76	88	91	53	KEITH CURTIS • (HIA 1000) 96 161.5 961	1 DEATH CERTIFICATE 1	1
77	77	62	65	ALICE SWEAT • COLUMBIA 80151 12 961.5 961	1 KEEP IT COMIN' 1	1
78	106	83	33	RUXE BOYS (ATLANTIC 8000000.0) 96 161.5 961	1 RUXE HOUSE 33	33
79	87	80	7	8-BAD (HIA 7127) 96 161.5 961	1 FEDERAL 1	1

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Madonna, Club-Conscious; Chicago Vibe-rates

THE TRAFFIC OF ARTISTS darting in and out of clubland is often pretty hectic—and a little confusing. While young Turks such as Donnell Rush and Lidel Towsnell are sidestepping their house music roots with paint-by-numbers new-jack and hip-hop jams that pander to radio's momentary whims, pop icons such as Madonna and Michael Jackson are embracing club culture, and are regularly seasoning their music with dance elements. In fact, both La M and MJ hit hard this week with singles that convincingly mine cutting-edge grooves.

Though top 40 programmers are still abuzz over the album "Bad Girl" (Maverick/WB), Madonna is about to serve her diehard fans a pouty cover of Peggy Lee's "Fever." The tune is actually the B side of "Bad Girl," and likely will be worked to clubs only. Sep Pitheban has effectively retold his original album production with disco percussion and synth effects that will click smoothly with above-ground spinners.

However, this single's real juice is in remixes by Miami's top-hip-fornere-words Mrk Productions posse. It has assembled a dark and moist array of groove grooves that match the vocal's sexual intensity. The "Deep South" version is a sensual, loopy trip, while "Back To The Dub" is a ride with hypnotic trance nuances. By the by, the latter mix has vocal snippets from "Goodbye To Innocence," the ousted "Erotica" tune from which the idea to cover

traditionally heard during Easter services. Though Fairuz has been threatening a lawsuit, none has been filed. (Laidback could not be reached for comment on the matter.)

Moving on to MJ, after word that the rock-edged "Give In To Me" would be the next single from his recently resuscitated "Dangerous" opus, Epic has shifted gears in the 11th hour and is releasing "Who Is It" instead. This is a wise move, since the latter cut is far more accessible to numerous formats.

"Who Is It" actually had a nice run overseas last year, though the label withheld several of the better remixes for U.S. consumption. The always-fab Brothers In Rhythm have transformed the downbeat original version into a white-knuckled house jam, laying a rapid, driving beat that is a first complement to Jackson's urgent vocal. Moby works the other side of the fence by giving the cut an ominous vibe with more under-ground potential. His aggressive "Tribal" mix will wreck your nerve in the best possible way.

Added consumer incentive for "Who Is It" is provided by Moby's highly coveted reworking of the classic "Best It," which will appear on the commercial 12-inch and the CD-5 formats. Meanwhile, the reconstruction of "Wanna Be Startin' Something" by Brothers In Rhythm, will be on maxi-cassette and 7-inch versions. None of these remixes will be available on promo pressings.

VIBEOLOGY: Look for a chain-reaction of change and competition within the ever-tumultuous Chicago club scene once word goes out that Mirage Entertainment head/recording artist George Porgie has left the company to form Vibe Music with ex-I.D. Productions star Maurice Joshua.

Vibe will be an indie label with management and production arms. Early signees include Reese Project better Tennessee FM, UBQ Featuring Terry Hunter & Aaron Smith, and Jory Donatello. Now that George has also parted ways with Warner Bros. after one single, he will christen Vibe later this month with the slammie "Strawberry." Joshua will also offer his first single in nearly a year on the label in April.

All this leaves the future of Mirage and the 4 On The Floor production team (of which George was a principle figure) hanging in the balance. Pass the scorecard.

THE SINGLE LIFE: Esquire Records continues its evolution into one of the clubland's prime contenders with "Love Will Make It Right," by the Brotherhood. This uplifting peak-hour gem illustrates producer Richie Jones' considerable growth behind the board, while newcomer Walter is an assertive, throaty vocal presence. An unassuming track that will take many by surprise.

In the past two years, I.R.S. subsidiary Tribal America has been



by Larry Flick

one of those rare labels that almost never fails to hit the mark. This time, Stories In Dubb (aka unknown dudes Aaron Friedman and Ian Dutt) join forces with Jackie Bennett for "Chapter 3," a tasty deep-house track that is enriched with lush R&B shading and a diva vocal. Poised to become an across-the-board anthem.

Gee Street's increasingly cool Gee Zone dance-intensive arm should earn high marks from trance and hi-NRG punters with "Boots" by De-Oing. The electro-savvy cut is anchored by percolating keyboard effects and haunting chants by Valerie Harrison. The primary mix takes the track through a series of moods that are, by turns, forceful and ambient. A complex outing that will rope you in after a few spins.

TID-BEATS: No other living being

should have to endure this. There are no less than nine dance music covers of the Whitney Houston megahit "I Will Always Love You." In an act of extreme sacrifice, we have experienced about a half-dozen of 'em—and, boy, are they tragic! So far, only Sarah Washington's hi-NRG rendering on Almighty Records is worth a spin. Aspirin, anyone? ... Ex-RCA dance promoter Gary Richards has resurfaced in a similar spot at Def American in Los Angeles. Also known in the rave community as Destructo, Richards' first big project for the label is Digital

Orgasm's debut, "It," and the single "Guilty Of Love" ... Ramon Wells has rebounded from the departed Cardiac Records as the director of special projects at MCT Management in New York. He has also just launched the indie Bold! Records. Look for the cut, "I Want It, I Need It (Bad Love)" by Sandra Williams, with remixes by Marc "MK" Kinchen, later this month.

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1. I FEEL YOU (PERFECT MODE) ONE
2. FAITH (ON THE POWER OF LOVE)
ROZALLA (the)
3. GAYNY ANY HARDER JAMES
BROWN (score 800)
4. GO ON (MOVE) REEL 2 REAL
FATURING MAD SCUMPT (MAD STREET)
IN THE
5. I WOULD HATE TO LOVE YOU KAREN
ANDERSON (no 111)

MAXI-SINGLES SALES

1. HAT 2 DA BACK TUCK LAMONT
IN THE
2. DONT 2 B.R.E.D. S. MARIE LOVE
3. SHOW ME LOVE ROBIN S. (no 10)
4. IT'S MY LIFE DR. ALBANI (no 11)
5. PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
HARAJUKU (no 11)

Breakouts: Titles with future chart potential, based on club play or sales reported this week.

"Fever" sprung.

In other Madonna news, we hear she has raised the ire of Lebanese pop diva Fairuz, who claims her voice was sampled onto the tune "Erotica" without permission. She claims the words "he crucified me today," which are sung in Arabic, are taken from a religious song that is

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(1)	3	6	I'M EVERY WOMAN (MCA) 1-2521	WHITNEY HOUSTON	◆
2	2	3	SUPERMODEL (YOU BETTER WORK) TOMMY BOY 542	◆ RUFUS	
3	4	8	LOVE U MORE COLUMBIA 74807	◆ SUPERSCREEN	
4	1	4	MR. WENDAL CHRYSLER 2400/RS	◆ ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT	
5	5	7	THINGS GOIN' ON (MCA) 404/NEWARKER BROS	◆ BETTY BOO	
6	7	13	GET AWAY (MCA) 14132	◆ SCORBY BRONSON	
7	8	14	FEEL LIKE SINGIN' (MCA) 14132	◆ SUNDY B.	
8	12	17	IF YOU WANT MY LOVE (MCA) 14132	◆ THE COVER GIRLS	
9	12	15	LOVE IS EVERYWHERE (MCA) 14132	◆ G.T.D.	
10	11	15	PUSH THE FEELING ON (GREAT GEMS) 530/42/SONLAND	◆ NIGHTBOWLERS	
11	14	22	GIVE IT TO YOU (MCA) 14132	◆ MARTHA WASH	
12	16	26	IT'S MY LIFE (MCA) 1-2092	◆ DJ ALBAN	
13	18	29	UNIQUE (MCA) 1307/RS	◆ DANLISE DANCE	
14	6	5	SUNSHINE AND LOVE (ELECTRA) 65445	◆ HAPPY MONDAYS	
15	19	3	ALWAYS (VIRGIN) 12625	◆ MR. FEATURING ALANA	
16	2	12	I GOT MY EDUCATION (MCA) 14132	◆ UNCINANT ALLIANCE	
17	15	8	GONNA GET BACK TO YOU (ELECTRA) 14132	◆ MAW & CO. FEATURING XAVIERA GOLD	
18	21	27	PHOTOGRAPH OF MARY (MCA) 14132	◆ TROY LORENZ	
19	23	25	QUALITY OF LOVE (MCA) 14132	◆ NIGRA	
20	24	3	QUALITY OF LOVE (MCA) 14132	◆ D.O.	
21	24	25	FEELING OF SLEEP (MCA) 14132	◆ DOLBY PLANTS	
22	26	34	WE CAN MAKE IT (MCA) 14132	◆ SOUL FUSION	
23	34	40	WIP (MCA) 14132	◆ NAUGHTY BY NATURE	
24	35	42	FOREVERGREEN (MCA) 14132	◆ FINESTOCK	
25	18	11	BUTAL-B-E (VIRGIN) 12625	◆ ALTERN 8	
26	23	19	LET ME BE YOUR UNDERWEAR (MCA) 14132	◆ CLUB 69	
27	29	33	TOP THE BOTTLE (MCA) 14132	◆ YOUNG BLACK TEENAGERS	
28	38	—	BURN 2 B (E.D. AMERICA) 4041	◆ MONIE LOVE	
29	22	21	I STILL WANT YA (GEMMA) 1307/RS	◆ DUTER MIND	
30	25	18	HOW DOES IT FEEL (MCA) 14132	◆ ELECTROPOP	
POWER PICKS					
(41)	42	—	BRIGHTER DAYS (MCA) 14132	◆ CAMERON FEATURING DAIRIE	
(32)	37	43	INFORMER (MCA) 14132	◆ SHOW	
(38)	32	32	NEOTREX (MCA) 14132	◆ MEAT BEAT MANIFESTO	
(36)	34	38	UNDERWIND (MCA) 14132	◆ FRANKIE	
(35)	39	20	THE MUSIC IS MOVING (MCA) 14132	◆ FANSETTA	
HOT SHOT DEBUT					
(36)	NEW	1	LITTLE BIRD (MCA) 14132	◆ ANNE LENNON	
(31)	37	23	NEXT IS TIME (MCA) 14132	◆ MOBY	
(38)	30	24	LIVING IN ECSTASY (MCA) 14132	◆ RKS	
(29)	44	—	LYTHING BUT A 'C' TRING (MCA) 14132	◆ CR. ONE	
(39)	38	45	COME RAIN COME SHINE (MCA) 14132	◆ CLUBLAND FEATURING ZEMFA HAMILTON	
(41)	NEW	1	ENJOY LIFE (MCA) 14132	◆ MAVE	
(42)	17	16	GOIN' TO WANT ME (MCA) 14132	◆ FELIX FEATURING JONAS	
(43)	45	—	SPEED (MCA) 14132	◆ ALPINA TEAM	
(44)	41	30	DIAPANA (MCA) 14132	◆ YOUTH 'N' RINCE	
(45)	NEW	1	OUT OF SPACE (MCA) 14132	◆ THE PRODIGE	
(46)	NEW	1	SHOW ME LOVE (MCA) 14132	◆ ROKIN S.	
(47)	NEW	1	I WANNA BE SOMEONE (MCA) 14132	◆ CLUB Z	
(48)	41	29	BOSS (MCA) 14132	◆ THE SHARIN	
(49)	45	29	LOVELY (MCA) 14132	◆ JAZZY	
(50)	27	13	DEEPER AND DEEPER (MCA) 14132	◆ MARGHERITA	

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(1)	2	2	REBIRTH OF SLICK (MCA) 14132	◆ WHITNEY HOUSTON	◆
2	3	7	HIP HOP HONOR (MCA) 14132	◆ NAUGHTY BY NATURE	
3	1	1	SUPERMODEL (YOU BETTER WORK) TOMMY BOY 542	◆ RUFUS	
4	4	6	GET AWAY (MCA) 14132	◆ ROGER BROWN	
5	5	8	INFORMER (MCA) 14132	◆ SHOW	
6	7	8	IF YOU WANT MY LOVE (MCA) 14132	◆ THE COVER GIRLS	
7	8	11	PHOTOGRAPH OF MARY (MCA) 14132	◆ TROY LORENZ	
8	10	12	I'M GONNA GET TO YOU (MCA) 14132	◆ BEARKE INC. FEATURING ANDREW BROWN	
9	11	25	GIVE IT TO YOU (MCA) 14132	◆ MARTHA WASH	
10	6	11	CASTLE ATON (MCA) 14132	◆ APACHE	
11	13	25	BEMO (MCA) 14132	◆ THE MOVEMENT	
12	16	24	NUTRIN BUT A 'C' TRING (MCA) 14132	◆ CR. ONE	
HOT SHOT DEBUT					
(13)	NEW	1	I'M EVERY WOMAN (MCA) 14132	◆ WHITNEY HOUSTON	
(14)	15	18	TAP THE BOTTLE (MCA) 14132	◆ YOUNG BLACK TEENAGERS	
(15)	12	14	WHO'S THE MART (MCA) 14132	◆ HEAVY D & THE BOYZ	
(16)	8	13	SHAMROCKS AND SHENAGANS (MCA) 14132	◆ HOUSE OF PAIN	
(17)	10	26	SPEED (MCA) 14132	◆ ALPINA TEAM	
(18)	22	30	MUSCLE GRIP (MCA) 14132	◆ SHABBA RANKS	
(19)	25	43	THINGS GOIN' ON (MCA) 14132	◆ BETTY BOO	
(20)	24	27	LOVE U MORE (MCA) 14132	◆ SUPERSCREEN	
(21)	29	22	DON'T WALK AWAY (MCA) 14132	◆ JAZZ	
POWER PICKS					
(22)	29	46	KNOCK-N-BOOT (MCA) 14132	◆ WILCOX IN EFFECT	
(23)	25	26	DEITY (MCA) 14132	◆ PAPERDOLL	
(24)	26	25	FEEL LIKE SINGIN' (MCA) 14132	◆ SANDY B.	
(25)	18	17	UNDERWIND (MCA) 14132	◆ SOUND FUSION	
(26)	39	34	I GOT A MAN (MCA) 14132	◆ POSITIVE K.	
(27)	44	14	IT'S GONNA BE A LOVELY DAY (MCA) 14132	◆ THE S.O.B. & S.T.E.M.	
(28)	17	9	DEEPER AND DEEPER (MCA) 14132	◆ MADONNA	
(29)	34	34	WHO GOT THE PROPS (MCA) 14132	◆ BLACK MOON	
(30)	45	—	EVERYBODY GET ON UP (MCA) 14132	◆ CARMEN LEE	
(31)	27	17	GET UP (MOVE BOY) (MCA) 14132	◆ UNCINANT ALLIANCE	
(32)	23	23	I GOT MY EDUCATION (MCA) 14132	◆ UNCINANT ALLIANCE	
(33)	NEW	1	THROW YA GUNZ (MCA) 14132	◆ UNICE	
(34)	42	—	THE 4 SAM AXION (MCA) 14132	◆ REEDMAN	
(35)	27	15	THINGS' GONNA BE ALRIGHT (MCA) 14132	◆ FATHER M.C.	
(36)	48	3	EVERYBODY GET ON UP (MCA) 14132	◆ STYLED M.C.	
(37)	43	7	PUSH THE FEELING ON (MCA) 14132	◆ NIGHTBOWLERS	
(38)	32	28	PERMANENCE (MCA) 14132	◆ MARY J. BLISS	
(39)	36	41	5	◆ ITB	
(40)	38	33	MR. WENDAL (MCA) 14132	◆ ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT	
(41)	36	31	NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO DO IT (MCA) 14132	◆ DOUBIE BOY	
(42)	28	14	DON'T YOU WANT ME (MCA) 14132	◆ FELIX FEATURING JONAS	
(43)	NEW	1	LITTLE BIRD (MCA) 14132	◆ ANNE LENNON	
(44)	37	29	GONNA GET BACK TO YOU (MCA) 14132	◆ MAW & CO. FEATURING XAVIERA GOLD	
(45)	21	6	TEMPLE OF DREAMS (MCA) 14132	◆ MESSIAH	
(46)	NEW	1	LOVIN' MYSELF (MCA) 14132	◆ LEBRON GREEN	
(47)	48	41	HERE WE GO AGAIN (MCA) 14132	◆ PORTRAIT	
(48)	41	48	MURDER SHE WROTE (MCA) 14132	◆ CHAKA DEMUS & PAIN	
(49)	47	—	WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU (MCA) 14132	◆ TAMARA GARDNER	
(50)	31	31	LET ME BE YOUR UNDERWEAR (MCA) 14132	◆ CLUB 69	

◆ Titles with the greatest sales or club play increase this week. ◆ Video availability. Dabbling number in the cassette main category, or vinyl main category if cassette is unavailable. On sales chart. (M) Cassette main category availability. (V) Vinyl main category availability. DO DO main single availability. © 1993, Billboard/RS Communications

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Gold Change. Ralph Emery, host of *The Nashville Now*'s "Nashville Now" program, presents Travis Tritt with a gold award for his "It's All About To Change" home video during a recent episode of the show. The award represents sales in excess of 50,000 units.

CRS' 'New Faces' Are Often Old News Music Videos Beat Showcase To The Punch

THOSE FAMILIAR NEW FACES: Technology can be a tough horse to ride—especially if the rider is an institution rooted in older times. That's the case with the Country Radio Seminar's "New Faces Show." Until the advent of music videos and the spread of cable networks to broadcast them widely, the budding country acts one saw at CRS were indeed new to most people, even to those in the music industry. These acts were too new to have toured widely, and although their voices were fairly familiar on the radio, they had had virtually no television exposure.

But these dynamics began to change in the early '80s. The Judds checked in December 1983, and exploded into media prominence so quickly that by the time the next "New Faces" show came around, they were already stars. Although they made their CRS appearances, Clint Black, Garth Brooks, and Alan Jackson all bypassed the 1990 "New Faces," each secure in the knowledge that he was an established commodity by that time. Last year, Billy Ray Cyrus made his chart bow in April and was at the top of the charts six weeks later, propelled there by a dance and a music video that became textbook cases in quick-breaking an act.

To anyone with access to Country Music Television or *The Nashville Network*, this year's crop of "New Faces" is reassuringly familiar. Martina McBride, who did her first CRS performance last year on RCA's showcase, has since had three music videos aired, as have the Remingtons and Rosana Reeves. The remaining acts—Roy Howdy, Tracy Byrd, Confederate Railroad, Rodney Foster, Dennis Robbins, Michael White, and Matthews, Wright & King—have had two each. In addition, many of these acts have appeared time and again on other CMT and TNN slots. As leverage to radio people, the "New Faces" show is a tradition that still has merit. But to see the real new faces in country music these days, one must monitor the offices of Music Row lawyers.

MAKING THE ROUNDS Richard B. Evans has been named COO and executive VP of Gaylord Enter-

tainment, which owns TNN, the Grand Ole Opry, a majority share of Country Music Television, and other entertainment properties... Boy Howdy drummer Hugh Wright will replace his leg by the upcoming "New Faces" bash. He was critically injured last year in a car accident in Texas... John Binghamard has been named to oversee Paulette Carlson Entertainment in Nashville... Charlie Daniels, now on Liberty Records, was set to make his Radio City Music Hall debut Feb. 25, on a bill with Lynyrd Skynyrd... Doyle Lawson was honored for his 30 years in bluegrass music in a plaque presentation Jan. 31 during the Society For The Preservation Of Bluegrass Music Of America convention. The award was presented by Jim Van Hook, president of Brentwood Music, the company for which Lawson now records... Kenny White has replaced Fred Duggan as guitarist for the New Tradition... Dollywood is auditioning acts and artists to perform country, gospel, bluegrass, western swing, and barbershop for the park's "Sunset Musicfest," July 10-14 Aug. 1. For details, contact Dollywood Entertainment, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

The newly formed Grammy American Country Music Federation presented its first awards Feb. 17 in Nashville. Recipients were Garth Brooks, male vocalist; Emmylou Harris, female vocalist; the Highwaymen, vocal group; the Bellamy Brothers; Bob Brooks' "Tipin' The Wind," album; and Billy Ray Cyrus, new artist... Clint Black and his wife, actress and singer Lisa Hartman, will perform in Somalia for the USO through Saturday (6)... Vince Gill will start a tour of Europe April 20 that will take him to Munich, Stockholm, Oslo, Amsterdam, Dublin, and London.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Kathy Mattea will perform selections from her current album, "Lonesome Standard Time," at 10 p.m. Eastern time March 16 on "Love From The Box." The 90-minute live radio show will originate in Los Angeles and be carried on more than 160 stations... Ricky Skaggs will host the Gospel Music Assn.'s songwriter's showcase at 8:30 p.m. March 28 at the Stouffer Hotel Ballroom in Nashville.

Black And Judd To Co-Headline Tucson Is First Stop On 90-Day Tour

■ BY EDWARD MORRIS

NASHVILLE—Clint Black and Wynonna Judd will co-headline a "Black & Wy" tour that will take them through 90 to 95 cities through November. The first date is April 16 in Tucson, Ariz., and the two are set to play Radio City Music Hall in New York May 18 and 19. Throughout the tour, Black will continue to appear under the sponsorship of his long-time corporate patron, Miller Lite. Parties involved in staging and promoting the tour are RCA Records, Stan Morris, and Creative Artists Agency—Black's label, manager, and booking agency—and MCA Records, Ken Stutta, and Pro Tours, Judd's label, manager, and booker.

Pro Tours will coordinate the marketing and is the official management consultant for the tour.

Representatives from each label will plan and implement retail and radio promotions to support the tour dates.

Each artist will do a 75-minute set, with a 30-minute stage change between. Plans also call for securing a solo acoustic act to open the show. Black will close each concert.

'SMOOTH TRANSITION'

"[Black's] agreement with Miller is in force really through this year," Morris says. "That's not going to change. We'll work it out so that there is a very smooth transition into the '91." He adds that Black will abandon the dramatic staging he used last year in favor of "a brand-new stage that will accommodate both Clint and Wynonna, with different production values. Each one will bring their own personality to it."

"Pro Tours will promote some of the dates," says company spokesman Doug Aiken, "but other promoters Clint and Wynonna have been used to working with through the years will also be promoting shows. It just depends on the date and the area."

Aiken says ticket prices haven't been nailed down yet, but he estimates they will fall within the \$20 to \$25 range.

Proposals for additional corporate sponsorship will be considered, Aiken says.

The tour logo will read "Clint Black And Wynonna Black & Wy/The 1993 Tour." Aiken says the planners have discussed creating and selling logo-imprinted T-shirts, caps, and other merchandise. "Of course," he adds, "the management companies need to get together and agree on that. And, to my knowledge, there's been no official agreement yet."

Among the planned radio promotions are "Wheel Of Fortune" and "Concert Patch" prize giveaways. For the former, a participating radio station will set up a live remote broadcast and invite listeners to stop by to spin a wheel of fortune. Prizes would include concert tickets and tour and station merchandise. For the latter, a station will give away five away "Black & Wy" patches prior to the concert. During the concert, spectators would randomly select people wearing the patches and give them prizes. So far, 45 dates have been confirmed.

Suit Seeks To Curb Recording Dispute

■ BY DEBORAH RUSSELL

LOS ANGELES—MCA Records Inc. filed a complaint for declaratory relief against the Curb Music Co. Feb. 19. The suit, filed in U.S. District Superior Court, seeks to settle a decade-long dispute regarding rights to master recordings that Curb/MCA artists recorded before RCA.

In 1983, MCA entered an independent production and licensing

agreement with Curb, stating the complaint. In 1985, MCA and Curb amended the agreement to cover the Judds' master recordings, including the RCA catalog, the complaint alleges.

It was MCA's understanding, says label attorney Don Engel, that when the rights to the Judds' RCA titles reverted to Curb, the MCA/Curb venture would have the exclusive rights

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Blazy Of Glory. Songwriter Kent Blazy and co-writer/writer Garth Brooks celebrate their No. 1 single "Somewhere Other Than The Night" at a recent reception hosted by BMI. Shown, from left, are Roger Szwed, VP BMI; Sharon Blazy, of Sophie's Choice Music; Billy Brooks; Bob Doyle, MCA's co-manager; and Harry Warner, assistant VP, BMI.

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				PRODUCER (S) (NEW/OLD)	LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL					PRODUCER (S) (NEW/OLD)	LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL
1	5	5	12	WHAT PART OF NO... I DON'T HEAR YOU	LORRIE MORGAN 2 weeks at # 1	38	35	29	WILD MAN	◆ RICKY VAN SHELTON ◆ COLUMBIA INC.	
2	3	7	18	DRIVE SOUTH ◆ JIMMYE HARRIS	◆ SUZY BOGGS ◆ MONROE	39	41	55	HOME	◆ DOLLY PARTON ◆ MONROE	
3	6	18		ALL THESE YEARS	◆ SAWY BROWN ◆ COLUMBIA CAP	40	40	6	IT'D RATHER MISS YOU	◆ LITTLE TEXAS ◆ MONROE	
4	3	11	11	ONCE UPON A LIFETIME ◆ ALBUM! ◆ JAMES	◆ ALBIS ◆ MONROE	41	18	56	3	TRACY LAWRENCE ◆ MONROE	
5	3	10	11	JUST ONE NIGHT	◆ MORRIS & THE RIDE ◆ MONROE	42	18	56	3	TRACY LAWRENCE ◆ MONROE	
6	10	3	13	TRYIN' TO HIDE A PILE IN THE DARK	◆ BILLY DEAN ◆ MONROE	43	15	11	1	ALBIS ◆ MONROE	
7	18	18		PASSIONATE KISSES ◆ MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER ◆ MONROE	◆ GEORGE STRAIT ◆ MONROE	44	33	19	2	TAKE IT BACK ◆ RICK MCINTIRE ◆ MONROE	
8	18	18		HEARTLAND ◆ I WENT ◆ BETTE ◆ MONROE	◆ COLLYN HAYE ◆ MONROE	45	18	1	1	HOW I FEEL FOR RAIN ◆ NEAL MCDOY ◆ MONROE	
9	18	18		I WANT YOU BAD (AND THAT AIN'T GOOD)	◆ CON FIDELANTE RAILROAD ◆ MONROE	46	53	3	1	LIKE A RIVER TO THE SEA ◆ STEVE WARNER ◆ MONROE	
10	2	3	16	QUEEN OF MEMPHIS ◆ BILLYE BURKE ◆ MONROE	◆ TANYA TUCKER ◆ MONROE	47	53	3	4	HIGH ROLLIN' ◆ GIBSON/MILLER BAND ◆ MONROE	
11	16	21	8	IT'S A LITTLE TOO LATE	◆ WYNONNA ◆ MONROE	48	49	8	1	WHY BABY WHY ◆ PALMORO ROAD ◆ MONROE	
12	6	4	14	MY STRONGEST WEAKNESS ◆ TRACY BROWN ◆ MONROE	◆ PAUL TILLE ◆ MONROE	49	53	8	—	MADE FOR LOVIN' YOU ◆ DOUG STONE ◆ MONROE	
13	18	20	10	LET THAT PONY RUN	◆ CLINT BLACK ◆ MONROE	50	42	16	1	CADILLAC RANCH ◆ CHRIS LEDOUX ◆ MONROE	
14	17	22	8	WHEN MY SHIP COMES IN	◆ BROOKS & DUNN ◆ MONROE	51	52	37	6	TRUE CONFESSIONS ◆ JAY WHITE ◆ MONROE	
15	19	27	> 5	HARD WORKIN' MAN ◆ TRAVIS TRITT ◆ MONROE	◆ MARK CHESNUT ◆ MONROE	52	51	4	1	WHAT A WOMAN WANTS ◆ LORI WATKINS ◆ MONROE	
16	7	1	14	CAN I TRUST YOU WITH MY HEART ◆ LEARNIN' TO LIVE AGAIN ◆ MONROE	◆ BILLY RAY CYRUS ◆ MONROE	53	53	60	4	SOMEONE TO GIVE MY LOVE TO ◆ HORNY TONK WALKIN' ◆ MONROE	
17	22	23	10	OL' COUNTRY ◆ LEARNIN' TO LIVE AGAIN ◆ MONROE	◆ DIAMOND RIO ◆ MONROE	54	56	58	3	HORNY TONK WALKIN' ◆ MONROE	
18	20	26	5	SHE'S NOT CRYIN' ANYMORE ◆ DIAMOND RIO ◆ MONROE	◆ RADNEY FOSTER ◆ MONROE	55	60	77	3	LOOK AT YOU GIRL ◆ MONROE	
19	23	26	5	IN A WEEK OR TWO ◆ MONROE	◆ SHENANAGAN ◆ MONROE	56	57	55	3	HORNY TONK POOL ◆ MONROE	
20	5	2	16	NOBODY WINS ◆ MONROE	◆ JOHN ANDERSON ◆ MONROE	57	54	32	5	NOBODY LOVES YOU WHEN YOU'RE FREE ◆ MONROE	
21	26	28	11	LEAVIN' ME IN A LONG TIME COMIN' ◆ MONROE	◆ REBA MCINTIRE & VINCE GILL ◆ MONROE	58	NEW	1	1	YOU SAY YOU WILL ◆ MONROE	
22	12	8	15	LET GO OF THE STONE ◆ MONROE	◆ RESTLESS HEEL ◆ MONROE	59	NEW	1	1	TENDER MOMENT ◆ MONROE	
23	33	53	3	THE HEART WORTHY LIE ◆ MONROE	◆ ROBERT ELLIS ORFILLI ◆ MONROE	60	75	—	2	THE CHANGE ◆ MONROE	
24	26	7	18	MENDING FENCES ◆ MONROE	◆ MARK COLLIE ◆ MONROE	61	58	47	17	BIG HEAT ◆ MONROE	
25	26	7	18	BOOM! IT WAS OVER ◆ MONROE	◆ ALAN JACKSON ◆ MONROE	62	16	3	3	EVERYTHING COMES DOWN TO MONEY AND LOVE ◆ MONROE	
26	75	75	3	GOIN' TO LOVE YOU ◆ MONROE	◆ RAYMOND TRAVIS ◆ MONROE	63	63	10	28	SUPERCOLD WINDS (FROM "HONEYMOON IN VEGAS") ◆ MONROE	
27	34	37	5	TONIGHT I CLIMBED THE WALL ◆ MONROE	◆ RANDY TRAVIS ◆ MONROE	64	NEW	1	1	ALRIGHT ALREADY ◆ MONROE	
28	25	18	13	HIGH ON A MOUNTAIN TOP ◆ MONROE	◆ MARY STUART ◆ MONROE	65	33	18	6	T-S-O-U-B-L-E ◆ MONROE	
29	24	12	18	TOO BUSY BEING IN LOVE ◆ MONROE	◆ DOUG STONE ◆ MONROE	66	NEW	1	1	SOMEJODY LIKE THAT ◆ MONROE	
30	31	42	6	ONE DON'T KNOW SHE'S BEAUTIFUL ◆ MONROE	◆ ALAN JACKSON ◆ MONROE	67	NEW	1	1	LOOK WHO'S NEEDING WHO ◆ MONROE	
31	32	30	7	STANDIN' KNEE DEEP IN A RIVER (DYING OF THIRST) ◆ MONROE	◆ RANDY TRAVIS ◆ MONROE	68	18	13	1	I WILL STAND BY YOU ◆ MONROE	
32	18	18	11	LOOK HERE NO HANDS ◆ MONROE	◆ MARY STUART ◆ MONROE	69	NEW	1	1	SHOULD'VE BEEN A CONJOY ◆ MONROE	
33	18	18	11	MY BLUE ANGEL ◆ MONROE	◆ RANDY TRAVIS ◆ MONROE	70	62	18	1	CHEAP WHISKY ◆ MONROE	
34	18	18	11	HEARTS ARE GONNA ROLL ◆ MONROE	◆ HILK KETONIAN ◆ MONROE	71	59	56	11	IN THE BLOOD ◆ MONROE	
35	26	38	11	ROCK ME IN THE COLE OF LOVE ◆ MONROE	◆ DEBORAH ALLEN ◆ MONROE	72	59	56	11	POOR MAN'S BLUES ◆ MONROE	
36	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	73	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
37	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	74	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
38	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	75	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
39	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	76	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
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42	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	79	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
43	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	80	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
44	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	81	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
45	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	82	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
46	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	83	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
47	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	84	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
48	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	85	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
49	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	86	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
50	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	87	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
51	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	88	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
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54	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	91	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
55	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	92	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
56	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	93	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
57	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	94	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
58	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	95	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
59	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	96	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
60	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	97	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
61	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	98	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
62	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	99	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	
63	31	32	13	WALKAWAY JOE ◆ MONROE	◆ TRISHA YEAZOWOOD ◆ MONROE	100	65	61	13	STAYIN' OVER NIGHT ◆ MONROE	

Tracks showing an increase in detections over the previous week, regardless of short movement. Airpower awarded to those attain 1500 detections for the first time. ♦ Videopac availability. Calling number is for cassette single, or vinyl if cassette is unavailable. (C) Cassette single availability. (CD) CD single availability. (MI) Cassette mini-single availability. (T) Vinyl mini-single availability. (V) available. (X) CD mini-single availability. © 1993, Billboard/EMI Communications.

HOT COUNTRY RECURRENTS

2	1	1	3	LIFE'S A DANCE LIFE'S A DANCE DON'T LET OUR LOVE START SUPPLY AWAY TERRON TAYLOR TERRON TAYLOR	● JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY LARRY WHITE ● VINCE GILL LARRY WHITE	18	2	21	7	WATCH ME WATCH ME SHAKE THE SUGAR TREE ALAN JACKSON ALAN JACKSON	● LOVINE MENDONZA LOVINE MENDONZA ● PAUL TOLLO PAUL TOLLO
3	1	1	3	SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE NIGHT SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE NIGHT SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE NIGHT SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE NIGHT	● GARTH BROOKS GARTH BROOKS GARTH BROOKS GARTH BROOKS	15	15	18	13	LOVER'S HOT A WILD DON TROIAN LOVER'S HOT A WILD DON TROIAN LOVER'S HOT A WILD DON TROIAN LOVER'S HOT A WILD DON TROIAN	● ALAN JACKSON ALAN JACKSON ● RANDY TRAVIS RANDY TRAVIS
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				***** NO. 1 *****		
(1)	1	1	40	BILLY RAY CYRUS	* MURDER MY MIND (10/96) 1-5	1
2	2	10	2	DALE MCINTIRE	* HCA 106737 (10/96) 1-5	2
3	3	22	3	GARIN BROOKS	* GUESTY 106742 (10/96) 1-5	3
4	4	50	3	ROCKS & DINN	* ARTIST 106670 (10/96) 1-5	4
5	6	23	6	GEORGE STRAIN	* HCA 106710 (10/96) 1-5	5
6	7	6	43	WYNNONA	* FORD 120074 (10/96) 1-5	6
(7)	5	11	34	MARY CHAPIN CARRIER	* COME ON COME ON (10/96) 1-5	7
8	8	7	128	GARTH BROOKS	* GUESTY 106664 (10/96) 1-5	8
9	7	25	25	VINCE GILL	* HCA 106707 (10/96) 1-5	9
10	11	8	16	GARTH BROOKS	* GUESTY 106670 (10/96) 1-5	10
11	13	10	14	JOHN ANDERSON	* JMA 61020P (10/96) 1-5	11
(12)	12	12	30	ALAN JACKSON	* A LOT ABOUT LIVIN' (10/96) 1-5	12
13	13	15	28	ALABAMA	* HCA 106649 (10/96) 1-5	13
14	15	24	20	TANYA TUCKER	* GUESTY 106671 (10/96) 1-5	14
15	14	21	4	BILLY DEAN	* LARNEY (10/96) 1-5	15
16	17	129	2	GARTH BROOKS	* GUESTY 106670 (10/96) 1-5	16
17	16	21	21	ALVIN & THE CHIMPUNKS	* CHIMPUNKS IN LOW PLACES (10/96) 1-5	17
18	17	28	20	LOBBIE MORGAN	* GUESTY 106674 (10/96) 1-5	18
19	19	27	27	TRAVIS TRUITT	* WARNER BROS. 43064P (10/96) 1-5	19
20	20	73	23	RANDY TRAVIS	* WARNER BROS. 43064P (10/96) 1-5	20
(21)	22	29	43	CONFEDERATE RAILROAD	* CONFEDERATE RAILROAD (10/96) 1-5	21
22	21	35	25	TRISHA YARBROOK	* HCA 106641 (10/96) 1-5	22
(23)	27	32	63	ALAN JACKSON	* ARTIST 106671 (10/96) 1-5	23
(24)	32	33	15	JOHN MICHAEL HONTGOMERY	* ALTERNATE 60740P (10/96) 1-5	24
25	25	22	30	CHRIS LEDGEE	* WHATCHA GONNA DO WITH A COWBOY (10/96) 1-5	25
26	26	28	26	SAWYER BROWN	* CMB 7737A (10/96) 1-5	26
27	28	29	32	CLINT BLACK	* HCA 106670 (10/96) 1-5	27
28	30	47	47	MARK CHESNUTT	* HCA 106709 (10/96) 1-5	28
29	24	23	73	REBA MCINTIRE	* HCA 106671 (10/96) 1-5	29
30	29	37	17	DIAMOND RAY	* ARTIST 106671 (10/96) 1-5	30
(31)	37	37	21	PAM TILLIS	* ARTIST 106671 (10/96) 1-5	31
32	26	24	28	OU8U STONE	* GUSTY 624670 (10/96) 1-5	32
33	34	42	20	SUZY BOGGS	* GUESTY 106667 (10/96) 1-5	33
34	31	27	27	SOUNDTRACK	* GUSTY 624670 (10/96) 1-5	34
35	38	14	28	RESTLESS HEART	* HCA 106647 (10/96) 1-5	35
36	33	35	26	COLLIN RAY	* GUSTY 106671 (10/96) 1-5	36
37	35	31	28	RICKY VAN SHELTON	* COLUMBIA 60740P (10/96) 1-5	37
38	36	38	7	MARK COLLIE	* HCA 106671 (10/96) 1-5	38
(39)	42	47	50	AARON TIPPIN	* HCA 61020P (10/96) 1-5	39

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WEEK AGO	WEEK ON CHART	ARTIST & REMIXED/REMASTERING LABEL (BASED UPON LAST PRICE OF REMASTERED)	TITLE	PEAK POSITION
40	40	36	17	GEORGE JONES • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	WALLS CAN HURT YOU	24
41	40	30	33	MARTY STUART • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	THIS ONE'S GONNA HURT YOU	32
42	30	42	23	HANDY TRAVIS • WARNER BROS. 420044 (H 96613 58)	GREATEST HITS, VOL. 1	12
43	42	74	74	BILLY DEAN • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	BILLY DEAN	2
(44)	43	41	31	TRAVIS TRITT • WARNER BROS. 215359 (H 96613 58)	IT'S ALL ABOUT TO CHANGE	2
44	46	52	81	LORRIE MOOGAN • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	SOMETHING IN RED	2
(46)	45	42	151	DOUG STONE • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	DOUG STONE	82
47	45	47	103	VINCE GILL • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	POCKET FULL OF GOLD 5	5
(48)	46	44	43	NICKIE & THE RIDGE • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	SACRED GROUND	27
48	47	41	57	SAMMY KERSHAW • WEA/REMY (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	GON'T GO NEAR THE WATER	17
50	51	50	50	TRISHA YEARWOOD • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	TRISHA YEARWOOD	2
51	50	55	69	SUEY BOGGS • LEBREY (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	ACES	15
52	52	51	51	DIAMOND RIO • WEA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	QUINARO RIO	13
53	55	56	30	KATHY MATTEA • WEA/REMY 312541 (H 96613 58)	LONESTAR STANDARD TIME	43
54	53	48	38	GARTH BROOKS • J • WEA/REMY 367424 (H 96613 58)	BEYOND THE SEASON 2	2
(56)	54	54	128	DWIGHT YAKAM • WEA/REMY 364234 (H 96613 58)	IF THERE WAS A WAY	7
(56)	55	53	65	TRACY LAWRENCE • ATLANTIC (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	STICKS AND STONES	39
57	58	55	55	RAINEY FOSTER • WEA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	DEL RIO, TX 1959	58
58	56	58	80	HAL KETCHUM • COLUM 713420 (H 96613 58)	PAST THE POINT OF RESCUE	8
58	57	57	237	THE JUDDS • J • COLUM 8118 (H 96613 58)	GREATEST HITS	1
(60)	60	68	155	ALAN JACKSON • ATLANTIC (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	HERE IN THE REAL WORLD	4
60	60	62	72	ALABAMA • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	GREATEST HITS VOL. 2	2
(62)	64	60	35	VARIOUS ARTISTS • TEL 4863 (H 96613 58)	TODAY'S HOT COUNTRY	50
63	62	71	123	MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER • COLUMPIA 446717 (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	SHOOTING STRAIGHT IN THE DARK	11
64	61	63	37	HAL KETCHUM • COLUM 77881 (H 96613 58)	SURE LOVE	1
65	65	65	74	COLLIN RAYE • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	ALL I CAN BE	7
65	67	66	124	TANYA TUCKER • LEBREY 350421 (H 96613 58)	WHAT DO I GO WITH ME	8
67	67	87	87	ROBA MCINTIRE • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	RUMOR HAS IT	2
68	65	66	6	GIBSON/MILLER BAND • COLUMPIA 5700 (H 96613 58)	WHERE THERE'S SMOKE	66
68	70	74	183	VINCE GILL • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME	1
70	66	81	31	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. & HANK WILLIAMS • COLUM 71552 (H 96613 58)	THE BEST OF HANK & HANK	48
71	71	70	154	TRAVIS TRITT • WARNER BROS. 200401 (H 96613 58)	COUNTRY CLUB	3
(72)	73	72	43	LETTIE TEXAS HANSEN • BUCKLE UP (H 96613 58)	FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING	18
73	72	58	61	VINCE GILL • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	I NEVER KNEW LONELY	47
(74)	RE-ENTRY	75	75	CLINT BLACK • MCA (REISSUE) (H 96613 58)	HILLARY TIME	1
75	74	75	52	SAWYER BROWNS • COLUM 794241 (H 96613 58)	DIRT ROAD	12

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FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 1993

Rank	Artist	Label & Number/Distributing Label (if suggested list price or equivalent for cassette)	Title	Wk.
1	PATSY CLINE	* MCA 415 16 90 72 980	GREATEST HITS	54
2	THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND	* EPC 48789/5099 (7 IN 82) 981	A DECADE OF HITS	54
3	DOLLY PARTON	* RCA 6622 (7 IN 82) 981	GREATEST HITS	77
4	REBA MCGENTREE	* MCA 4875 (7 IN 82) 981	GREATEST HITS	82
5	RAY STEVENS	* MCA 5018-P (4 IN 82) 981	GREATEST HITS	38
6	PATSY CLINE	DELUXE 5099-114 (4 IN 82) 981	20 GOLD HITS	2
7	ALVIN AND THE CHIMPANZEES	CHIMPANZE 534357 (7 IN 82) 981	UPPERN CHIMPUNK	2
8	VINCE GILL	* RCA 6614 (4 IN 82) 980	BEST OF VINCE GILL	63
9	GEORGE JONES	* EPC 48789/5099 (8 IN 82) 980	SUPER HITS	75
10	GEORGE STRAUSS	* MCA 4875 (7 IN 82) 981	GREATEST HITS, VOL. 2	54
11	RAY STEVENS	DELUXE 5018-P (4 IN 82) 980	HIS ALL TIME GREATEST COMIC HITS	34
12	ALABAMA	* RCA 71 90 981 53 980	GREATEST HITS	83
13	ALABAMA	* RCA 4875 (7 IN 82) 981	ROLL ON	83

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST	WEEKS ON CHART
14	13	REBA MCKENTON • MCA 8259 (3 10/11 501)	87
15	15	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. & T.O. BLOOD EMBLEMED BRIDGE • 05 10/12 501	81
16	15	DWIGHT YOAKAM • J&R RECORDS 2700000000 BRIDGE • 05 10/12 501	81
17	18	GEORGE STRAIT • MCA 8254 (7 10/12 501)	82
17	18	REBA MCKENTON • MCA 8254 (3 10/12 501)	82
18	21	COLLETT PARTON 8261300 (3 10/12 501)	83
19	21	ALABAMA • MCA 8259 (3 10/12 501)	83
20	23	OSBAMA • MCA 8259 (3 10/12 501)	84
21	14	ANNE MURRAY • MERCURY 402507 (3 10/12 501)	79
22	29	GEORGE STRAIT • MCA 8254 (3 10/12 501)	71
23	24	DAVID ALLAN COE SHELTON 7542775000 (5 10 10/12 501)	73
24	—	RIKCY VAN CLEVELAND • COLUMBIA 46627500 (5 10 10/12 501)	54
25	25	COLLETT PARTON • COLUMBIA 4345000 (5 10 10/12 501)	7

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by Lynn Shultz

HOLDING THE NO. 1 POSITION on the Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart for the second consecutive week ("What Part of No?" by Lorrie Morgan; the most active tracks are "Ahhhh...Oh Part of No" by Tracy Lawrence, "The Heart Won't Lie" (35-30) by Reba McEntire & Vince Gill; "Heart-Head-Gonna Roll" (44-35) by Hal Ketchum; "She Don't Know She's Beautiful" (38-31) by Sammy Kershaw; "Tonight I Climbed The Wall" (37-28) by Alan Jackson; "Made For Lovin' You" (34-29) by Doug Stone; "My Blue Angel" (38-30) by Aaron Tippin; "Born To Love You" (34-27) by Mark Collie; "Heartland" (34-30) by George Strait; and "I Want You Bad" (34-9) by Collin Ray.

TELEVISION'S IMPACT on album sales is evidenced again as the No. 1 country album, "Some Gave A11" by Billy Ray Cyrus, increased in sales by almost 12% over the previous week—thanks to a Feb. 17 ABC-TV special. This despite the competition: Cyrus had to go up against President Clinton's televised address mapping out his economic package. Cyrus did not get on the air until 9:30 p.m. CST, a very late start. NBC and CNN were still knee deep in deciphering Clinton's speech, while CBS went out to its regularly scheduled programming. Still, Cyrus came out strong.

OTHER ALBUMS SHOWING strong retail activity are "Something In Red" (48-45) by Lorrie Morgan; "Life's A Dream" (32-34) by John Michael Montgomery; "Don't Rock The Jukebox" (27-29) by Alan Jackson; "Billy Dean" (44-43) by Billy Dean; and "Read Between The Lines" (42-39) by Aaron Tippin. The Top Country Albums chart has been void of new releases lately. You can expect this to change as new albums are on the way by Dolly Parton, Brooks & Dunn, and a host of others including several new artists.

THE WEEK OF THE Grammys is always exciting. Stars are everywhere. Nashville was displaced in favor from Feb. 22 in L.A., as Patty Loveless performed at the Rove there. It was good to see her back on stage. She looked great, her vocals were killer, and the band was red hot. Richard Young and other Kentucky Headhunters were in attendance. They had decided to work the greater L.A. area during Grammy week. Young said, "Man, we have had a ball. The crowds have been great. We've just had a helluva time." At "Clive Davis' 71st annual pre-Grammy bash at the Beverly Wilshire, Arista's Brooks & Dunn received the industry crowd with "Hard Workin' Man" and the rousing "Boot Scootin' Boogie." It is impossible to make all the parties and performances, but one thing is certain: The Grammys bring out the crème de la crème. Everyone you meet is a winner.

IT IS COUNTRY RADIO SEMINAR time. The festivities run Wednesday-Thursday (3-4). The pace will be furious as this year's event is expected to set an all-time attendance record near the 2,000 mark. New artists will be showcased at the seminar agenda committee adopted a showcase sort of atmosphere for last year's gathering, and the same improvements have been made for both the artist and registrants. What makes it so tough on everyone in the number of events are "off campus." These showcases are being held in local clubs, golf courses, and on the General Jackson. It's impossible to make it all, but it's fun to try to juggle in as much as you can.

Vector Management Strengthens Services Sam Ramage On Line To Beef Up In-House A&R

■ BY EDWARD MORRIS

NASHVILLE—With the recent hiring of EMI Music veteran Sam Ramage as its in-house A&R rep, Vector Management here has added what the company considers to be another crucial service to its clients. Now in its seventh year of operation, Vector already has in-house reps for publicity and sales and marketing.

"We've been faced with situations in the past where we've had some mediocre product to work with," says Don Goodman, who jointly owns Vector with Ken Levitan. "Managers aren't managers. We can't take mediocre product and do much with it. So we had to take matters into our own hands and do everything we could do on our end to make sure our clients have the best possible songs going into their recording projects."

Currently, Vector manages the Remingtons, Nanci Griffith, and Joe Ely. Vector also works with Tom York-based Side One Management to co-manage Los Lobos, Lucy Lovett, Bradham, the Sublimes, Lisa Germano, and Guy Clark.

INCREASED COMPETITION

Goodman notes that because of intensified competition for "great songs" and chart position, "We needed to supplement the efforts of the producers and the A&R departments at the labels." He says producers and labels have welcomed Ramage's help: "Everybody's open to getting great songs, wherever they may come from."

Larry Cowan, who formerly worked as a publicist for Nashville's Network Inc. now handles Vector's publicity. John Porter is in charge of sales and marketing. Before assuming his duties at Vector, he served in the same areas at MCA, UMI, CBS, and Handman. "He's been coordinating marketing plans when we have new product coming out," Goodman explains. Kathi Whitley oversees administrative details at the company.

According to Goodman, Vector has not ventured into booking its clients and "has no intention of doing so." "It's a big overhead," Goodman

says of his firm's menu of services, "but it's just the cost of doing business. If you want to take on multiple clients, you have to be able to service them properly. And this is what we feel is necessary."

With Side One, Vector's Levitan also owns Crossfire Entertainment, a Nashville-based publishing company, and Elack Hole Records, which originally appeared on Caroline Records.

Joyce, Daniel Tashian, Crash Test Dummies, Germans, and Greg Trooper.

Trooper is the first artist on Elack Hole Records. His first album, "Everywhere," will be released this spring. Elack Hole intends to rerelease Germano's "On The Way Down From The Moon Palace," which originally appeared on Caroline Records.



Video Confessions. Columbia artist Joy White performs her single "True Confessions" during a video shoot for the number, from her debut album, "Between Mirrors & Hindsight." Mary Stuart, who penned the song, makes a cameo appearance in the clip. Pictured, from left, are Stuart, Larry Morris, White, and John Gardner.

SUIT SEEKS TO CURB RECORDING DISPUTE (Continued from page 47)

to those recordings.

"According to our deal, those matters would join the other Judds' titles in the MCA venture," Engel says.

MCA's current complaint, which seeks no damages, was prompted when it was learned that Curb entered a subsequent deal with CEMA whereby owner Mike Curb promised that distributor the rights to the Judds' RCA masters.

MCA's suit also seeks to settle a

dispute regarding payment of royalties and promotion costs regarding artists in the MCA/Curb venture.

"The complaint is not an attempt to break the deal between MCA and Curb or to get any damages," says Engel. "It's a pure, simple case where we're going to court to clarify our relationship."

Curb was unavailable for comment by press time.

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4/24 Denver, CO
4/29 Auburn, AL
4/30 Biloxi, MS
5/2 Asheville, NC
5/6 Orlando, FL
5/7 Jacksonville, FL
5/8 Miami, FL
5/13 Winston-Salem, NC

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5/15 Lexington, KY
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5/18 New York, NY
5/19 New York, NY
5/21 St. Louis, MO
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5/23 Peoria, IL
7/8 East Lansing, MI
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7/10 Wantagh, NY
7/11 Springfield, MA

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8/21 Ottawa, Ontario
8/22 Toronto, Ontario
8/26 Minneapolis, MN
8/27 Des Moines, IA
8/28 TRA
8/29 Louisville, KY

Tour runs through November. More dates announced soon.

Top Latin Albums

Compiled from a national sample of retail stores and one-stop sales reports.

	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTOR/PRICE	
1	JON SECADA & JON SECADA	SONA 08889/SONA	SONA 1979	
2	THE GARRIES	THE BEST	SONO 1000/SONO	
3	HONORIO MONTANER	LOS HUSOS DEL SOL	SONA 1979	
4	CRISTIAN AGUIA NUEVA	NEJUDY 9056/FONODISA		
5	PAILUNA RUBIO	LA CRUCHA DORADA	SONA 1979	
6	ALVARO TORRES	NADA SE COMPARA...	CARTOL 1979	
7	CRANFORD	PRITE EL ANCHO	SONO 1000/SONO	
8	PAULA DE BLASIO	EN TEMPO DE AMOR	SONO 1000/SONO	
9	MIS MIGUELOS	ROMANCE	NEJUDY 9056	
10	GIFFY KINGS	LIVE	ELECTRA 6130	
11	JOSE JOSE	40 Y 20	ANOLA 3442/SONO	
12	GLORIA TREVI	ME SIENTO TAN AMOR	ANOLA 3301/SONO	
13	GABRIELA ROMERO	DE ME CUIDAS	CARTOL 1979/SONO	
14	VALERIO PRITE EL ANCHO	40 Y 20	SONO 1000/SONO	
15	RICHARD CLAYDERMAN	AMERICA LATINA...	QUALITY 19123/NOVEN	
16	EDNETA NAZARDO	MEMORIAS DEL	CARTOL 1979	
17	JON SECADA	OTRO DIA MAS SIN VERTE	SONO 1000/SONO	
18	FRANCO SIMONE	EL COMICO	BUCARNE 0990/SONO	
19	JOAN GARCIA	SOLO	SONO 1000/SONO	
20	BACHATA MAGIC	BACHATA MAGIC	SONO 1000/SONO	
21	PANDORA	LEGAL	CARTOL 1979	
22	MILAIRES MARIA BONITA	AMOR	CARTOL 1979	
23	LOS BUKOS	QUEREMOS	FONODISA 810	
24	THALIA	LOVE	FONODISA 810	
25	ROBERTO CARLOS	INDOLIBERABLE	OLIVO 00131/SONO	
1	JERRY RIVERA	CUENTA CONMIGO	SONO 1000/SONO	
2	GILBERTO GARCIA	LA CIMA	SONO 1000/SONO	
3	TONY VEGA	APARECER	SONO 1000/SONO	
4	JUAN LUIS GUERRA Y 4.40	AREITO	KAROL 3476/SONO	
5	REY RUIZ	REY RUIZ	SONO 1000/SONO	
6	OLGA TAMON	SOL	NEJUDY 9056	
7	WENDY MC	AMOR	SONO 1000/SONO	
8	EDNE SANTIBARRIO	INTENSAMENTE	CARTOL 1979	
9	FRANKIE RUZ	MILANTADO	NOVEN 2148	
10	COCCOBAN	EL ATOLLADOR	RUMBLE 3275	
11	XAVIER	PARA SIEMPRE	CARTOL 1979	
12	RAY SEPULVEDA	CON SANGRE	SONO 1000/SONO	
13	THE SABBLES	SONO 1000/SONO	SONO 1000/SONO	
14	INDIA	LEGO LA POKA	VEA (SONO PALMER)	SONO 1000/SONO
15	TONO ROSARIO	RETORNO A LAS RACIAS	PRIMA 1391/SONO	
16	RUBEN BLADES	AMOR Y CONTROL	SONO 1000/SONO	
17	CASA BRAVA	NO ME FALTE NUNCA	PLATINO 8031	
18	OSCAR DEL RAY	EL REY DE LOS SONEROS	SONO 1000/SONO	
19	POPO	LEGENDAS	SONO 1000/SONO	
20	LOMA 21	NO HAY LIMITES	SONO 1000/SONO	
1	ZONITA ROJA	PURA KACHA	CANDELA 0811/SONO	
2	RAULIN ROSENDO	SALSA SOLAMENTE SALSA	RUMBLE 278	
3	INDIA RONSTADT	FRENSI	ELECTRA 6130	
4	JOHNNY RAY	SALSA CON CLASE...	SONO 1000/SONO	
5	JOHNNY RAY	COLECTA	SONO 1000/SONO	
1	SELINA	ENTRE MI MUNDO	CARTOL 1979	
2	MAZZ	LO HARE POR TI	CARTOL 1979	
3	BANDA MACHOS	CON SANGRE DE INDI	SONO 1000/SONO	
4	ALVARO TORRES	HOMEJAVE A MEXICO	SONO 1000/SONO	
5	LOS HURACANES DEL NORTE	CON NUESTROS...	SONO 1000/SONO	
6	TEXAS TORRES	HANGIN ON BY A THREED	SONO 1000/SONO	
7	WARY	AMOR Y SENSACION	SONO 1000/SONO	
8	ALEJANDRO FERNANDEZ	A FERNANDEZ	SONO 1000/SONO	
9	VICENTE FERNANDEZ	QUE DE RARO TIENE	SONO 1000/SONO	
10	BANDA MACHOS	CASIMIRA	FONODISA 810	
11	BRONCO	PORT EL MUNDO	FONODISA 2322	
12	JOAN SEBASTIAN	BANDONOS DE ANCHES	MUSANT 0813/SABIDA	
13	JOAN SEBASTIAN	Y SI TE ENAMORAS	SONO 1000/SONO	
14	JUAN VALENTIN	QUE LASTIMA	CARTOL 1979	
15	LOS REHENES	AQUI ESTAMOS	FONODISA 810	
16	FLACO JIMENEZ	PARTNERS	SONO 1000/SONO	
17	BANDA VALLARTA SHOW	ESA CHICA ME VACILA	FONODISA 810	
18	JOAN SEBASTIAN	PORT EL MUNDO	SONO 1000/SONO	
19	LOS ACUAROS	LAS MEMIAS PIEDRAS	SONO 1000/SONO	
20	LOS TERNERARIOS	MI VIDA ERES TU	SONO 1000/SONO	
1	LOS REHENES	LOS REHENES	FONODISA 810	
2	EMILIO NAIMERA	UNSHING HGH-WINYS	CARTOL 1979	
3	PIPO OLIVERAS	15 ETOES	SONO 1000/SONO	
4	JOAN SEBASTIAN	MEJORA	SONO 1000/SONO	
5	LITTLE JOE	QUE PASO	SONO 1000/SONO	

Artists & Music

Latin
Notas



by John Lannert

UNCERTAINTY MARS VINA FEST: The Vina Del Mar International Festival of Song is a queer beast, whose flaccid song competition is greatly overshadowed by a mixed bag of performances from its international slate of Hispanic and non-Hispanic performers.

Nevertheless, this year's six-day festival possessed a charming *an hoc et quod* that seemed to invite criticism—and inspire hope that the show will go on in future years.

Running from Feb. 10-16, the 34th edition of "Viña" once again took place at the floral, picturesque coastal resort of Viña Del Mar, Chile—site of La Quinta Vergara, a gorgeous amphitheater carved into a side of a cliff that overlooks the "Valle cordón."

As it turned out, the festival did flash moments of brilliance, but the sheer length and breadth of the event squelched any momentum. As one observer slyly put it: "The festival proceeds via its own inertia."

Longtime festivalgoers and the local press were quick to point out that in years past "Viva" was a prestigious affair that hosted Hispanic pop luminaries **Julio Iglesias** and **Roberto Carlos**, plus veteran non-Hispanic standouts such as the **Police** and **Chicago**. They said there were no major stars on this year's program.

Maybe not for Chileans. But the event's 1993 lineup was hardly puny, what with a diverse bill that included Los Temerarios, Jon Secada, Gloria Trevi, Sergio Dalma, Ricky Martin, Kassav, Luz Casal, Mercedes Sosa, Dr. Alban,

and El General

Interestingly, few of these same folks drew little breath talking about past song competitions, the festival's original raison d'être. That's because nary a winning entry from previous years has generated any sort of international impact. So, "Viña" has become noted for drawing big-name Hispanic acts and an occasional non-Hispanic star who could count on TV exposure in southern South America and press coverage throughout most of Latin America. The lure for the artist is a spectacular venue and the opportunity to perform on a live TV musical show.

Also, there are three crucial handicaps that threaten the festival's long-term health. The first is a well-meaning, but short-sighted, municipal government that owns and mis-manages the festival, yet refuses to turn over the event to an independent professional management firm.

Thus, introspective troubadours such as *Joan Manuel Serrat* and *Joaquín Sabina* were thrust into a 20,000-seat den of adolescent wolves. Lesser-known acts (at least in Chile), such as *Casal*, *Dr. Albur*, *Kassav*, and *Nabusha*, were hung out to dry by having to perform at 2 a.m., when many of the spectators had already headed for home.

Additionally, the rightly shows, set to run from 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m., invariably run off schedule and often featured sound glitches. Finally, the international song competition was horrendous, prompting calls for a professional committee to select future entries. "Viva" booms for an overhaul.

Undoubtedly, the festival's artistic director, **Vicente Gaponov**, did as well as he could, considering he only spends several months arranging the event. Clearly, a full-time organization unshackled from political considerations is needed immediately.

The second festival startling block is an unsophisticated, mostly 15-25 female audience called "El Monstruo" (The Monster), which filled La Quinta Vergara for nightly rounds of cheers and jeers. Ultimately, it was this puerile, ultrac-

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securative congregation that wanted to hear nothing but well-known songs from well-known performers or recent well-known numbers from up-and-coming artists with an established base in Chile. Virtually any material that strayed from the straight and narrow (unless per-

formed by a Chilean act) was roundly booed. And some from the local press were hating the Red Hot Chili Peppers were going to appear at "Vida."

Antisocialism, "El Monstruo" reduced many veteran and sure-handed acts to tremble, knee-shaking amateurs,

even as it uplifted tired, Chilean nostalgia acts such as Bentesimendi and Los Ruedones. Plus, "El Monstruo" turned out to be a latter-day female version of a Cyclops, whose only eye was for Sony inextricably Ricky Martin.

Other, more alert eyes, however, caught some solid performers from Martinique and act Kaseem—which was coarsely treated by terribly square event host, Antonio Velezovic—Sergio Dainis, Los Teneseros, Chilean favorites La Ley & Congreso, and Mercedes Sosa, who let it be known in a press conference that the "musical and cultural penetration of the English is dangerous. They're low-class artists..." Damn those Beatles!

Trevi capped off her playlet, 40-minute romp by rising side-saddle on top of a male photographer during a musically stylized tale of "Satisfaction." She later sang-screamed in what looked to be a bikini bottoms during a riotous rendition of her teen anthem "Volo Sana." The normally boisterous "El Monstruo" was left mouth agape by a thunderous performance that would have elicited deafening cheers elsewhere in Latin America.

The third negative factor is that "Vita" no longer enjoys being the only musical genre of the year. Chile is becoming a more promising concert destination for a growing number of international non-Latino acts, and for the last several months a host of highly regarded international acts has played the country, including Luciano Pavarotti, Guns N' Roses, and Carlos Santana. What's more, Televisa is rumored to be planning a "Latin Acapulco" type happening next year in the northern coastal resort of Sirena. Such competition will force "Vita" organizers to somehow carve out a new niche that will set it apart from other musical events.

As for the song competition, well, by now you may have heard the winning entry was a lush, Italian song, "In Questo Mondo," authored by the Garibio Giuseppe and sung by Claudio Cirimele.

Shortly after the winning tune was announced, Giuseppe and Cirimele were found in heated embrace on stage. They should have been, for they had just pocketed \$50,000—a tidy sum for less than one week's work.

However, one did not need to speak Italian to understand that "In Questo Mondo" was a lame pop tune whose derivative musical arrangement sounded like it was yanked off of a "Star Search" segment. The rest of the competing repertoire was equally bankrupt, both musically and lyrically. The folkier contest, won by Grupo La "Canto Del Agua," was far more interesting, while being far less pretentious. Grupo La "Canto Del Agua," was far more interesting, while being far less pretentious. Grupo La "Canto Del Agua," was far more interesting, while being far less pretentious.

So what's ahead for "Vita"? Good questions. Return to know the festival mail and national, emphasize the song competition, and bring in a handful of big names instead of a potful of lesser-known acts. If straight-up pop acts are kept, then allow the uptight crowd—in years past—to have full say as to whether the performer is to receive the "Gaviota De Plata" award or not. After all, pop appears to be the only genre that the audience is qualified to judge.

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WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS	WEEKS ON CHART	ARTIST	TITLE
				COMPILED FROM NATIONAL LATIN RADIO AIRPLAY REPORTS	
				*** No. 1 ***	
1	1	2	12	JON SECADA	CRELE EN NUESTRO AMOR
2	2	1	12	JUAN LUIS GUERRA T-4-60	EL COSTO DE LA VIDA
3	3	16	3	RICARDO MONTANER	PIEL ADORENTE
4	7	10	5	CHATTANUE	EXAGIATS
5	3	6	5	EDITHA NAZARO	TRES DESIROS
6	9	22	4	LA MAFIA	ME ESTOY ENAMORANDO
7	15	19	4	BRILLIO	CRONICA DE UN VIEJO AMOR
8	16	15	4	CANELA RUBIO	ATAME A TU VIDA
9	4	15	5	PALLINA RUBIO	MI MO
10	5	5	15	JOSE JOSE	40 Y 20
				*** POWER TRACK ***	
11	30	37	3	CRISTIAN	SOLO DAME UNA NOCHE
12	11	8	7	YICENTE FERNANDEZ	LA FIESTA
13	11	11	7	GEORGE LAMONG	BABY CRED EN TI
14	13	28	3	ANA GABRIEL	TOOKIA TENEMOS TEMPO
15	25	—	2	VICTOR VICTOR	ADIOS MI AMOR
16	14	13	7	LOS BUKIS	VIENDOLO BIEN
17	15	33	3	PANDORA	PIERO EL CONTROL
18	17	15	5	LOS FUGITIVOS	ESTA CARTA
19	12	9	16	GLORIA TREVI	CON LOS OJOS CERRADOS
				*** HOT SHOT DEBUT ***	
20	NEW	1	1	TONY VEGA	DONDE ESTAS?
21	27	25	3	MIRIAM HERNANDEZ	SE ME FIU
22	21	22	11	MARISELA	TE DEVUELVO TU APRELLIO
23	31	—	1	MARINA CONCHITA ALONSO	PROMESAS
24	22	26	4	SERIE RUBIO	UNA EN UN MILLON
25	26	34	4	PEPE AGUILAR	RECUERDAME BONITO
26	17	14	7	JESSICA CRISTINA & RICKY MARTIN	¡TODOS ES VIDA
27	6	3	15	RICARDO MONTANER	CASTILLO AZUL
28	NEW	1	1	PALLINA RUBIO	ABRIENDO LAS PUERTAS AL AMOR
29	NEW	1	1	EMMANUEL	Y AHORA SE ME PASAN
30	23	21	11	BANDA MACHOS	SANGRE DE INDIO
31	NEW	1	1	EDIE SANTAGO	VIVO PARA TI
32	30	31	6	RUJA	QUE COSA BUENA
33	NEW	1	1	LUCERO	VELETA
34	37	29	5	KIARA	QUE SUBA LA TEMPERATURA
35	26	40	6	LISA M	SUBEME EL RADIO
36	25	12	16	BRONCO	ADORE
37	28	23	6	JULIO IGLESIAS	ESOS AMORES
38	34	—	2	JOSE FELICIANO	SOY ALEGRE
39	24	11	7	AMANEER	BASTA
40	32	35	5	LINDA RONSTADT	ENTRE ASIMOS

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by Lisa Collins

MORE THAN 10,000 people turned out Feb. 9-11 in Atlanta for Bobby Jones' seventh annual Gospel Ensemble. Performances by the Pilgrim Jubilees, the Anointed Pace Sisters, John P. Kee, the Williams Brothers, O'Leanda Draper, and a host of others punctuated the four-day event.

"We always like to make the distinction that this is not a convention, not a conference," Jones says. "It's a television taping for 'Bobby Jones Gospel' [broadcast over Black Entertainment Television] where we bring together artists who want to give some additional exposure through television. And it has really grown into a kind of explosion."

But behind the scenes, word of major independent distributor Spectra's business collapse dominated talk. Plans reportedly are being set in motion by the smaller black-owned labels, including Tyscot, Tribute, Blackberry, and Sweet Rain to unite and form their own distribution ink.

Taking the lead in Tyscot GM Bryant Scott. Reports, however, are that his label, whose biggest asset is Kee, could be in over its head. Scott had been owed more than \$500,000 from Spectra before it went out of business. Still, it is the most curious of all the major independents. Prospective artists include both Ward and Warner Bros., with its major source of distribution cut off. It has become difficult to get Tyscot products—including Kee, one of gospel music's hottest commodities.

Kee, incidentally, says news of Spectra's business collapse did not catch him by surprise. "I guess it was just a prayer that it wouldn't happen because of what's hap-

pening to our new record," he says. "We Walk By Faith" is doing very well and I know that this would throw a rod in it. Still, everybody is walking around as if it's not burning anybody and I think it is a major fall.

"I thank God for their faith, but this is an issue that needs to be discussed," Kee continues. "I know that in the last two weeks I've heard from a lot of major companies—both secular and gospel. My contract with Tyscot is near its end and it's crucial that I'm involved with the dialog that is going on."

Kee says his biggest current concerns are not with selling records. "My interest is that somebody's interested in what I'm doing aside from the music," he says. "Music is just 20% of what the New Life Community Choir and New Life Productions are all about."

Not only has Spectra's apparent bankruptcy left some one-stop and distributors at a loss, but some Christian booksellers that through Spectra had become more involved in traditional gospel are suffering as well.

"One of the difficulties is that the more traditional pop labels are not in the loop of the booksellers' distribution marketplace," says Glenn Williams, senior buyer of music for Family Bookstores, the nation's largest religious book and record store chain.

"Chadwinde, we got a good response from contemporary gospel. Traditional doesn't sell as much, but we've gotten some good response and would like to see more of it," Williams says.

Spectra's demise is going to make that harder for everyone.

VOICES OF TOMORROW: Singation TV Productions is adding to its highly successful major choir competition with "The Voices Of Tomorrow," a young-adult choir competition being scheduled in 10 major markets across the country. Dates already set include Chicago (Feb. 27) and Philadelphia (Monday [1]). The competition will be taped for broadcast on Singation, with \$25,000 awarded in each city.



by Jeff Levenson

BESIDES MILES: As part of its "Great Performances" series, public television recently broadcast Quincy Jones' much-awaited video of Miles Davis at the Montreux Jazz Festival in 1991. It captured the trumpeter, a mere three months before he died, reprising the music of his classic collaborations with Gil Evans... Miles' representation of his past, an unexpected bit of satire, however, involved the sight of trumpeter Wallace Roney, who obviously had been engaged to spell the ailing legend, and who stood by him throughout the performance.

Roney was in some kind of glory zone. I had never quite appreciated how much he lifted from Davis—his sound, to be sure, but also the look, the dress (leaky suit-and-tie Miles), the posture, the manner with which he held his horn. He was not just off-struck each time he synchronized his horn, which was always, Count's piece among the chthonic's polygenics.

(Warner Bros. has the concert album scheduled for release May 11. At the same time, Qwest Reprise is planning to issue "The Miles Davis Trilogy," featuring the four-perfomance aggregate of Roney, Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Ron Carter, and Tony Williams.)

GRINDING, BAKING IT: Much is going to be written about "CBI Movement." Wynton Marsalis' newly issued suite from Columbia, so allow me to be the first to say this: Wynton has finally permitted a good part of his personality to shine through in his work. It is warm, playful, enthusias-

tic, a multivoiced piece that isn't just designed to impress (or educate, as he is fabled). It actually liberates him from having to be good; as a result, the work is less studied, less maneuvered than his previous efforts, and far more trusting of our ability to dig it. Wynton should consider it, *duh*. Rather than serving as a screen behind which he hides, this music is him.

THE PLUCK OF THE DRAW: Banjo man Bela Fleck, who got plenty of good mileage out of his "U.F.O. Tuba" (six months on the contemporary side is a mighty fair fight), has had to rethink the Flecktones. His previously well-oiled quartet is now a power trio, what with the departure of keyboardist Howard Levy. What to do? Apparently, work up fresh arrangements for old tunes, write new material, and treat the entire situation as a challenge worth tackling. Easy.

TOO MUCH ROYALTY IS NEVER ENOUGH: Benny Carter's friends Hank, Francis, and Bill rest their best wishes to the great sax man last week when ASCAP honored him with its famed "Duke" award. The award celebrates "contributions to music of an outstanding and unique nature." That certainly sounds like the 85-year-old Carter, who began his career in the '20s (it joined ASCAP in 1942 '7), and continues to perform and write and lead and inspire (CT). By the way, his pals Hank, Francis, and Bill? That's Mancini, Sinatra, and Clinton, of course.

Top Gospel Albums

Compiled from a national sample of retail store and one-stop sales reports.

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHART	ARTIST	ALBUM	COMPETING LABEL	TITLE
						No. 1
1	1	35	JOHN P. KEE & NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	WE WALK BY FAITH	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	WE WALK BY FAITH
2	2	33	DARYL COLEY	WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS	SPARROW 13294	WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS
3	4	31	REV. MILTON BRUMBLE & THE THOMPSON COMMUNITY SINGERS	MY MIND IS MADE UP	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	MY MIND IS MADE UP
4	3	17	GEORGIA MASS CHOIR	I SING BECAUSE I'M HAPPY	SAVOY 7352	I SING BECAUSE I'M HAPPY
5	2	27	THE ANOINTED PACE SISTERS	U JOIN	SAVOY 14817/MALACO	U JOIN
6	5	9	REV. CLAY EVANS	I'M GOING THROUGH	SAVOY 7358/MALACO	I'M GOING THROUGH
7	7	21	MELVIN WILLIAMS	IN LIVING COLOR	BLACKBERRY 2203031211/SPECTRA	"LIVE"
8	11	11	TM MASS YOUTH CHOIR	SEND YOUR ANNOYING	TM 2081	SEND YOUR ANNOYING
9	12	11	SHIRLEY CAESAR	HE'S WORKING IT OUT FOR YOU	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	HE'S WORKING IT OUT FOR YOU
10	12	11	REV. JAMES MOORE	LIVE IN DETROIT	MALACO 8008	LIVE IN DETROIT
11	9	9	REV. T. WRIGHT/CHICAGO INTERDENOMINATIONAL MASS CHOIR	I'M GLAD ABOUT IT	SAVOY 14848/MALACO	I'M GLAD ABOUT IT
12	10	10	CHICAGO MASS CHOIR	HE THAT BELIEVEVETH	LIGHT 758789/SPECTRA	HE THAT BELIEVEVETH
13	11	11	HEZEKIAH WALKER/FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE CHOIR	FOCUS ON GLORY	SAVOY 14817/MALACO	FOCUS ON GLORY
14	20	21	REV. ERNEST DAVIS, JR.'S WILMINGTON CHESTER MASS CHOIR	STAND STILL UNTIL HE'S WELL & CLEAR	SAVOY 14817/MALACO	STAND STILL UNTIL HE'S WELL & CLEAR
15	14	13	BRIST TERRY	GOD GETS THE GLORY	MALACO 8008	GOD GETS THE GLORY
16	17	17	MISSISSIPPI MASS CHOIR	IT'S IN THE PRAISE	CD 50418113/SPECTRA	IT'S IN THE PRAISE
17	17	17	CALVIN BERNARD RHODE	TILL WE NEVER FORGET	CD 50418113/SPECTRA	TILL WE NEVER FORGET
18	37	3	DR. CHARLES C. NAYES/COSMOPOLITAN CHURCH PRAYER CHOIR	PERFECTING CHURCH	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	PERFECTING CHURCH
19	18	18	MARVIN WINANS	TESTIMONY	SAVOY 14817/MALACO	TESTIMONY
20	16	16	THE RICHARD SMALLWOOD SINGERS	THE COUNTRY BOY GOES HOME	SPARROW 13294	THE COUNTRY BOY GOES HOME
21	21	21	WILLIE NEAL JOHNSON & THE NEW KEYNOTES	THANK YOU, JESUS	SAVOY 14817/MALACO	THANK YOU, JESUS
22	20	20	THE NEW YORK RESTORATION CHOR	THERE IS A FOUNTAIN	SAVOY 14817/MALACO	THERE IS A FOUNTAIN
23	22	22	REV. R.L. WHITE JR. & MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH MASS CHOIR	ALIVE & SATISFIED	SAVOY 14817/MALACO	ALIVE & SATISFIED
24	25	25	THOMAS WHITEFIELD	BETTER DAYS AHEAD	MALACO 8008	BETTER DAYS AHEAD
25	26	26	PH FACTOR	PH FACTOR	PH FACTOR	PH FACTOR
26	27	27	THE GOSPEL MUSIC WORKSHOP OF AMERICA	DAWN OF A NEW ERA	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	DAWN OF A NEW ERA
27	28	28	GREATER VICTORY TEMPLE CHOIR	HOLD ON	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	HOLD ON
28	29	29	YOLANDA ADAMS	THROUGH THE STORM	TRIBUTE 0948/SPECTRA	THROUGH THE STORM
29	30	30	THE JACKSON SOUTHERNMAINS	LIVE AND ANOINTED	MALACO 8011	LIVE AND ANOINTED
30	31	31	FLORIDA MASS CHOIR	HOW I CAN SEE	MALACO 8011	HOW I CAN SEE
31	32	32	SANDRA CROUCH	WITH ALL MY HEART	SPARROW 13294	WITH ALL MY HEART
32	33	33	MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHILDREN OF THE KING	MALACO 8008	CHILDREN OF THE KING
33	34	34	DANIELLE HALL	DESIGNER'S ORIGINAL	CD 50418113/SPECTRA	DESIGNER'S ORIGINAL
34	35	35	G.M.A.W. YOUTH MASS CHOIR	HE HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR ME	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	HE HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR ME
35	36	36	BEUL WILLIAMS	LOVE	LIGHT 758789/SPECTRA	LOVE
36	37	37	JAMES BIGNON & DELIVERANCE	USE ME	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR	USE ME
37	38	38	VARIOUS ARTISTS	SALUTE TO THE CARAVANS	CD 50418113/SPECTRA	SALUTE TO THE CARAVANS
38	39	39	RON TANKARD	KEYS TO LIFE	TRIBUTE 0948/SPECTRA	KEYS TO LIFE
39	40	40	TRI-STATE MASS CHOIR	GOING HOME	TRIBUTE 0948/SPECTRA	GOING HOME

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Artist Takes Vid Crew On 'Ego' Trip 1st Solo Clip A Friend & Family Affair

■ BY DEBORAH RUSSELL

LOS ANGELES—“We need soundbays for the talent!” calls a crew member preparing to set up a shot for 10-year-old Parker Thompson. The on-air actor wears a mustache, fashions make over his small face.

The youngster is sibling of Charles Thompson—formerly Black Francis of the Pixies—whose current persona is solo artist Frank Black. The soundbays will show his brother's frame in view for this scene in Black's Elektra video “Hang On To Your Ego.”

While the artist reels home video footage for the family archives, young Thompson patiently takes direction from John Flansburgh, who also has an alter ego. He comprises one half of the duo They Might Be Giants.

“Hang On To Your Ego,” marks Flansburgh's second foray into music video directing—he shot “The Guitar” for his own band—and his second collaboration with producer Elizabeth Bailey, who also plays two roles. She is VP of video production at Elektra.

In late February, a crew working through L.A.-based DNA Inc. convened in a nondescript Hollywood soundstage to begin recording the first two videos for Black's solo debut, “Frank Black,” which ships in early March. When the studio shoots for “Hang On To Your Ego,” in complete, the group will trek to the California desert to shoot “Los Angeles,” which Flansburgh will direct.

The artist-cum-director and Frank

Black go back to 1987, when They Might Be Giants and the Pixies exchanged opening slots in the other's home town. After meeting up on the road several times over the years, the musicians developed a healthy mutual admiration society.

Now, Flansburgh is sitting in the director's chair, clatching his wits and shouting out commands like “give me that Playboy Mansion smile, Charles.”

“Suddenly I feel so much sympathy for Adam Bernstein,” says Flansburgh, referring to the director who shot the Giants' debut clip. “But in some ways, directing is a relief... I don't have to worry about my hair.”

What he does have to worry about is overseeing a crew whose production credits must outweigh his own, despite the fact that he's been the subject of 10 videos for They Might Be Giants.

“I don't know a lot of the technical jargon, and sometimes that makes me feel like an outsider,” Flansburgh admits, but he says he compensates for his inexperience by “overpreparing” and creating long lists and detailed shot grids so that when he arrives on the set he has “the distinct advantage of knowing what I want to do. There's not a lot of dithering going on.”

The video treatment for “Hang On To Your Ego” juxtaposes the concept of not being yourself too much against images of people caught in the act of self-biasing, says Flansburgh. The clip combines hi-tech, pop-art effects with a low-tech, home-video inspired by amateur public-access shows.

“It's going to be very electronic, with lots of floating heads,” he says, which required direction of photography Eric Edwards to shoot multiple images of the same person against different scenic backdrops. Pixies' guitarist Joey Santiago and Tony Asher are featured.

Upon wrapping the “Ego” shoot the crew will travel to Los Angeles, a desert location visited by a truck loaded that wiped out—yet preserved—a small community in the '60s. The site will be the backdrop for “Los Angeles.”

“It's like a semi-immersed city, the shipwreck of the great American mobile home,” says Flansburgh. “And it smells really wild.”

The postapocalyptic video will feature Black, in a dual role, driving a hovercraft over the underwater ruins. “He'll be flying in and out of the immersed area. I hear these things are as hard to plan as,” Flansburgh says.

The clip also will take in some of the local color: “People still live there. They have the crazy little carnival games in their eyes,” says the director. Black discovered the location in his desert travels, and he and Flansburgh conceived the hovercraft concept. “It's really fun working with Frank,” Flansburgh says. “It's great to realize some of his ideas, instead of trying to figure out what's left of mine.”

Both shows are budgeted at \$60,000-\$80,000, says Bailey. Her experience as producer for Paula Greif Productions gives her a perspective to help marry ideas with the cost-conscious label and the creative production jockey.

Midnight Blacks Out Prod'n; 'Hot Video' Expands Reach

REEL NEWS: L.A.-based Midnight Films is shutting the door on its music video production arm and will exist strictly as a vehicle for owner Michael Hamlyn's developing film projects. Midnight's reps suggest such directors as Carlos Gracía, Russell Young, Dennis Dimster-Denk, Sam Bayer, and Eric Meza. Action will wind down by the end of March.

Hamlyn's film production credits include: “The Secret Policeman's Other Ball” and “U2 Rattle and Hum.”

Paul Spencer, director of operations and executive producer on most of Midnight's videos, likely will remain in L.A. and continue to operate his U.K.-based production firm, Executive Pictures.

And in new developments, David Negley, Negley Associates: Midnight's Bayer is joining the L.A.-based production company along with new arrivals John and Mary Gardner and Troy Smith.

■ “AMERICAN HOT VIDEOS,” the 6-year-old urban video show that airs weekly in N.Y. and Philadelphia, will be seen in additional markets beginning April 1.

N.Y.-based executive producer Jack Wendorf returned from the recent NATPE convention in San Francisco with a syndication plan targeting Detroit, Cincinnati, Houston, San Diego, Atlanta, Las Vegas, St. Louis, and more.

Wendorf is bringing to market three new hourly shows, which he plans to syndicate at the same time: the country music show “Country's Most Wanted”; the alternative program “Over The Edge”; and the magazine/video show “Going Places,” hosted by Kid Creole.

Each show is provided on a turner basis in participating stations, with Wendorf and the outlet often splitting a chunk of commercial time. “The station picks up the show and runs with it, and we get six minutes of commercial time to do whatever we want,” he says.

Wendorf is targeting independent producers, and describes his shows as music video programming to complement, not compete with, the major cable networks.

■ ANOTHER REGIONAL programmer who is branching out: Dave Prewitt, from Austin, Texas-based “Radio Texas,” whose “Texas Heat” will host the new Austin Music Channel set to bow in the next 90 days via Austin Cable Vision.

The programming mix will lean heavily toward Texas music, with a

daily segment for Prewitt's own “Raw Time.” AMC will share the cable system's channel 10 with Country Music Television, which will air until 10 p.m. AMC's feed will run from 10 p.m.-4 a.m. daily.

Prewitt plans to fill the time with club listings, tour updates, live reports from local venues, live band performances, and music videos.

Ham Hamlin is handling publicity, and Luther Carpenter is in charge of business affairs.

■ BUZZING: Mary Ann Collins, Quality Records' director of video, has formed her own indie promotion and production firm, Big Buzz. She'll continue to work closely with RCA on an independent basis, and plans to create a full-service operation to commission and/or promote videos for label clients...

Dwayne McClary is the new director of video production at N.Y.'s Wild Pitch Records.

■ EYE-FUL of observations from the viewing room: Two very different spoken-word clips from the likes of Malcolm X and Henry Rollins deserve a closer look. The former's playlets across the video universe. RCA's clip

“Frontline,” set the charismatic leader's words against a backdrop of potentially disturbing visuals—but present—than illustrate his timeless truths. And Imago has excerpted a section from a 1968 Rolling Stone interview, capturing the heartache and despair from the artist's “Talking From The Box” journal. Rollins' compelling presence, as well as the stark, starkly lit stage, commands one's empathy and irrepressible laughter.

Wacky clips from Jaumeixer, Masters Of Reality, and the Candyshoes prove the best music often is steeped in a outsize sense of humor. Jaumeixer's techno dance vid “Jar's Theme” (Cassidy Factory), which samples dialog and references music from “The Brady Bunch,” depicts middle sister Jan “going through a phase” (i.e., leather duds, strip pants, and catfish). And the Gelfo Boys’ new “Crooked Officer” (Rap-A-Lot) is a biting look at “killer cops,” setting black lyrics to actual footage of officers beating citizens.

THE EYE

by Deborah Russell

PRODUCTION NOTES

LOS ANGELES

■ Mike Patterson and Candace Beckinger co-directed Ge Wren's “What You Won't Do For Love.” David Meyer produced the EMI clip for Rhythm & Hues.

■ Chris Applebaum directed the video “Van Fall Of Paris.” For Rowdy Records set Y'all So Straight. He shot the clip for Little Caesar Produc-

tions.

■ Director Eric Meza and producer Jan Lunson recently wrapped Chucki Booker's “I Should Have Loved You” for Atlantic and Jade's “One Woman” for Giant.

■ Straightline Films directed Slimme Seffer shot Kam's “Peace Treaty” for EastWest Records. Mike Alfieri produced, and David Waters-

ton directed photography.

■ Ray Charles' new Warner Bros. “A Song For You,” is a Planet Pictures production. Directed by Wenner. Craig Armstrong produced.

■ Timothy Walton directed “Helter Skelter,” a hard-biting rap clip from Real Life Productions artist Ebon. Paul Scheffer produced the shot for Power Films.

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■ Sean Penn directed Lyle Lovett's new “North Dakota” video for MCA. Siobhan Barron produced for Lime-light.

■ Adam Bernstein directed Wren's new Elektra video “Push Tin Little Dishes.” Epoch Films' John Owen produced.

In addition, Epoch director Jeff Preiss recited Saint Etienne's Warner Bros. video “You're In A Bad Way.” Jim Casarek produced.

OTHER CITIES

■ Neil Young's “Unknown Legend” clip is a Nikita Films production directed by Julien Temple. Donny Haybert produced the Reprise video, filmed in Lancaster, Calif.

■ Zazie Caster's new video “Broken Heartland” is set against a Fast Myers, Fla., backdrop and was directed by Scene Three's Marc Ball. Anne Grace produced the Giant shot.



Mouthful Off: Urban assault rock act Mouth (in whiteface) recently wrapped its Soma Records “anti-video” “Wheel,” with director Geoff McGovern (center, in black shirt). McGovern used a specially designed kinesiographic lenses to shoot the satirical video used for the Borne Festival. Pictured, from left, are McGovern, Karen Radnor, Josh Kelly, and Genish of Mouth, director McGovern, Mouth's Mark Roberts, executive producer Mark Fenske, and producer J.J. Morris.

Rating M's Progress In Japan

■ BY STEVE MCCLURE

TOKYO—In Japan, the world's second-largest music market, MTV is learning that the rules of the game are different. As a result, the channel's effectiveness in introducing new artists is limited for the time being.

Local record companies, instead of making blanket deals for video broadcast rights, set one per-clip fee for all their artists, whether they are megastars or just out of the garage. "Already, because of financial reasons, we've turned down things that were new and good because of this arrangement," says Vince Longobardi, executive producer/director of programming for Music Channel, MTV's Japanese licensee. Using Sade's new video as an example, he adds, "We're only going to take a certain number of videos a week, otherwise we're going over our budget."

Industry sources say Japanese record companies charge broadcasters between 75,000 and 100,000 yen (664-\$189) for the right to show a single. It's steep—domestic or foreign—for one year. Most labels are set to increase

those rates by a total of 80% by the end of this year, while one unnamed company is said to be planning a 100% rate increase. MTV has made videoclips deals with most major labels, with the notable exception of Toshiba EMI.

"The main reason we're adding TV stations to pay usage fees [on a one-by-one basis] for videos in that we're trying to protect visual and music master rights," says Tom Sasse of Sony Music Japan's international business affairs department. He adds that Japanese licensees and subsidiaries of overseas record companies are asked to help the companies recoup video production costs, which he says do not vary greatly, regardless of an artist's standing.

Comments Longobardi, "We'd prefer to negotiate individual blanket deals with record companies, as in the U.S.," Says Sasse, "A blanket deal sounds reasonable, but here in Japan, videoclips are not as successful yet, so it doesn't make sense."

Despite the difference of opinion over the payment system, MTV and record companies here say they want to work together to promote local

acts—and eventually domestic—music. "The usage of MTV as a promotional outlet is understood by the record companies," says Jeff Murray, Music Channel's director of talent and artist relations. "We're interacting on a daily basis with every label, and our relations are getting closer and closer."

Says Toshiki Tanaka, GM of international repertoire at Warner Music Japan, "We expect MTV to become influential in terms of increasing sales of foreign music," a sentiment that is echoed at other record companies here.

Nevertheless, there are reports that some companies have adopted a distinctly short-term view as yet MTV's arrival on the scene as a way to earn extra cash by selling the station video rights. "The idea is not for record companies to get rich on MTV videos," says Murray. "The idea is to expose new artists through MTV, which the record companies have not had the ability to do until now. But we're certainly not going to tell them to do their jobs."

LeGrand says he realizes MTV is a new factor in the Japanese music industry. "It always happens when MTV

comes into a market—it creates extra work for the local producers."

Besides paying money to record companies, MTV must, of course, pay royalties to local authors/composers and performers' rights bodies. Koji Matsuda, assistant manager in the international office of the Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers, says JASRAC is now negotiating with the six Japanese TV stations that are broadcast via communications satellite (including MTV Japan).

For example, JASRAC's contract with WOWOW, Japan's other privately owned satellite broadcast outlet, includes a sliding scale of royalties. The monthly payment is currently determined by multiplying 3 yen by the number of WOWOW subscribers up to the 500,000-subscriber mark, gradually rising to 10 yen once the station has signed 5 million customers.

Matsuda says that while the collection method has been set in the case of WOWOW, no distribution mechanism has yet been worked out. Aikawa Yoko for Gelidinsky, the Japan Council of Performers' Organizations, says the performers' rights group has yet to make deals with any of the satellite stations.

MTV Japan—which is how most people refer to the station, despite the official Music Channel moniker—went

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Dutch CD Boom Ends As Akt. Dives

■ BY WILLEM HOOS

AMSTERDAM—Holland's music market started its long-anticipated decline last year, with the value of trade shipments down 11%, and a 14% fall-off in units, according to industry federation NVPI.

It marks the first time since the eight-year boom in the Dutch market, fueled largely by CD replacement.

Key points from the 1992 market figures, based on trade shipments of NVPI artists on the charts, show that:

- Total market value dropped 11% to \$252 million (453.7 million guilders) on unit sales down 14% to 31.2 million.

- CD sales were down 10% to \$225.7 million (406.3 million), on

unit sales 10% to 24.4 million.

- Cassettes ledged 53% in value to \$8.2 million (HFF 14.7 million) on unit sales 38% to 1.6 million.

- Vinyl sales wobbled, dropping 79% in value to \$181,000 (HFF 575,000) on unit sales down 77% to just 95,000.

- The total singles market was down 9% to \$24.6 million (HFF 29.9 million) on unit sales down 39% to 5 million.

- CD singles were up 6% in value to \$14 million (HFF 33.3 million) on unit sales up 1% to 1.6 million.

- Cassette single sales were worth \$559,000 (HFF 1 million), down 29% on last year with unit sales down 18% to 290,000.

- NVPI's shipment statistics are estimated to cover 86% of the Dutch

market. The major non-NVPI member is Arcade, the country's largest TV merchandiser.

The one bright spot in the figures is the growth of video. Last year, music video sales were up 28% in value to \$1.1 million (HFF 2.1 million) on unit sales up 37% to 96,000.

Audio sales, however, have declined, mainly as a result of poor CD sales. In both long and short formats the Dutch market has become a consumer market. Of the total album sales, CD has a market share of 96.4%, and in the total industry's turnover it accounts for 89.5%.

Since the mid-'80s, the Dutch record business has been severely due to CD, with a high penetration rate of

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Disney Touches Base With New French Label

■ BY EMMANUEL LEGRAND

PARIS—Walt Disney France is expanding the scope of its catalog with a new label that will produce, market, and promote mainstream national pop artists.

Touchstone Records, as it will be called, will be added to Disney's music operations in France, a division that is predicted to generate more than 50 million francs (\$3.82 million) this year.

Sloan Pierre Sissmann, president of Disney France and VP of music for Disney Europe, "Our goal with Touchstone is to create a roster of national acts and produce French-style French chansons, with artists who are authors, composers, and performers, or those who are simply performers, and have an original sound and not really cut corners."

The label will be fully operational by the second half of 1993. Already, two acts have been signed—Emile Ford, a strong disc jockey, and a diva band, Gola, and a 17-year-old singer whose stage name has not yet been decided.

Sissmann says Touchstone will be a French-only label at first. Comments Sissmann, "If we have success, we'll evaluate accordingly and see how we

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New Zealand Music Market Teetering

■ BY GRAHAM REID

AUCKLAND—Despite a buoyant and creative local scene that has put more Kiwi artists on the charts than ever, New Zealand's retail market is fragile.

With unemployment at about 10% and disposable income for the younger demographic pinched, the recording industry has had to struggle. And with vinyl sales taking only 2% of the retail market, last year in a country where more than 50% have CD players, there has been a dislocation between technology and the consumer.

February saw the financially troubled music chain Miramax announce the closure of four of its 22 stores, including its flagship retail outlet on Queen Street, Auckland. According to chain chief executive Eric Farnsworth, this

store lost \$1 million (New Zealand) last year. Of the other four closures, one is in the heart of Takapuna, an Auckland suburb, and another in Northcote.

As a curious result of events, the buying, marketing, stock control, and product promotion for the remaining 18 Miramax stores will be handled by Roger Marbeck, an executive of the rival Marbeck's Records, a third-generation family firm with a keen awareness of local needs. One of the three Marbeck's stores are located in a deposit each other in an arcade 200 meters away and are divided into classical and pop-rock/jazz/indie and specialist catalogs.

Marbeck will continue to control his own stores and insists his company is not in competition with the remaining Miramax. "We are specialists," he says, "and regular music stores like Miramax don't have the contacts, the expertise, or access to [enter to specialty needs]. We can help Miramax build up the local market and not really cut corners."

The Marbeck's stores, which have long had a reputation for a broad product range, strong discounts, and care for the local market, and good customer-staff relations, were started in Auckland 57 years ago by Roger Marbeck's grandfather. Today, the dealership is held by Roger and his father, Murray.

Farnsworth acknowledges that his

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Int'l Execs Going SXSW; Yoshiki's Classic Match

THE MOST NOTABLE gathering of international musical companies this month won't be in London, Berlin, or Paris but in Austin, Texas.

International registration for the South By Southwest Music & Media Conference March 17-21 in Austin is up 50% from 1995, according to Mike Whitfield, the Berlin-based European representative.

Whitfield estimates that there are about 300 Europeans from 90 companies attending. "Whitfield reports, not including showcasing bands or their managers."

International markets represented include Argentina, Austria, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the U.K. Among the participating companies: Warner/Chappell, Sony Music France, BMG-Ur Music Publishing, and Intercord Records from Germany, and from the U.K., Beggars Banquet, Chameleon, Ensign, Polygram, and RCA Records.

With a majority of its featured artists still unsigned to major labels, SXSW clearly is seen as a marketplace for new international acts. In turn, the showcases this year will again have an international flavor, including acts from Germany's MPS label in a

Trance & Techno Night, the Russian-Romanian ensemble of Baba Yaga, the Finnish group Värttinä, and an Export Music Austria showcase. Add in the great live of the Sixth Street club strip and the super-showing of the Four Seasons Hotel bar, and the attraction of SXSW to overseas execs seems easy to explain. Says Whitfield, "It's like a working holiday."

ON A EUROPEAN tour last fall, there was national television coverage in Norway, a 24-page feature in *Rolling Stone*, and a demand for 34 dates in all. Such was the reception that greeted Texas troubadour Van Zandt, whose easy experience is not unlike that of other American singer/songwriters who have found a second career in "Roadshows," as recounted by Van Zandt's *Rolling Stone* column on Universe Productions through Virgin in the Benelux markets and BMG-distributed CBS/ABC Records in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Elsewhere, the album will be the first release on a new label called Neptune Music, based in Amsterdam, whose principals are looking to work in Europe with established singer/songwriters who may have fallen through the major-label A&R cracks. Neptune also will be scouting talent at SXSW.

AT THE RECENTLY opened AIR Studios in London, the 74-piece London Philharmonic Orchestra played the final bars of a new classical work while in the control room, George Martin swept his hands high. Looking on was the enigmatic young composer of this piece, Yoshiki, leader of X From Japan, that nation's top heavy-metal band. While his group records its first rock album for worldwide release later this year (Billboard, Sept. 5, 1995), Yoshiki prepares his first solo classical album for EMI Toshiba in Japan. Already,

"Yoshiki Selection," a collection of well-known classical favorites, has sold over 100,000-plus copies in Japan on the strength of his name. "When I write a song, I sometimes think the music will become a classical piece," says Yoshiki. "So I just wanted to try a classical album."

Yoshiki was able to gain the interest of Martin, who co-arranged and conducted the album with Graham Preskitt and Gavin Greenaway. "The Japanese and English people are not all the same," says Yoshiki as the day's recording continues. "We're both island people. We both have a long tradition that goes back many centuries. We don't speak the same language. But I find whenever I go, I can talk to musicians even if I can't speak their language." Of Yoshiki's classical project, he says, "It goes jolly well."

IT MAY BE the pride of New York's Black Rock Coalition, but Living Colour and the band's management, Seriously Inc., have long given serious priority to the group's international presence. So the week prior to the U.K. release of Living Colour's third Epic album, "Stain," found the foursome playing a packed, multiracial audience at London's Marquee, confidently leading the front of its set with new tracks like the great single "Leave It Alone," the band's latest of "Vio Agency," and the very sexy "B.I." Living Colour's roller-coaster rhythms are more exhilarating than ever, with newly recruited co-leader and bassist Doug Wimbish in sync with drummer Will Calhoun, and Vernon Reid's guitar combining and soaring in every turn. Corey Glover, meanwhile, proved with every gospel and grunge vocal that he is the most powerful black singer on either side of the Atlantic.

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HOME & ABROAD



by Thom Duffy

Sweden's Biggest Indie Gets Bigger Purchase Deal Connects Label With Warner Music

■ BY KEN NEPTUNE

STOCKHOLM—Sweden's largest remaining independent record company, Mistlur, has bought another indie, MVG, formerly Mistlur/Wire. The purchase forms part of the same deal under which Telegram Records (MNV), which shares a common owner with MVG, has entered a licensing pact with Warner Music.

The MVG deal brings Wire and Mistlur's entire back catalog to MNV, as well as current artists including Joakim Thorsstrom and Lolita Pop. Also included are first recordings and two Swedish classics, Decibel and Mistlur.

A week before the deal, signed Feb. 22, Telegram was released from its three-year distribution deal with MNV. To enter its Warner contract, MVG and Telegram are both owned by Swedish financier Peter Åberg. The deal, involving Europe, Mistlur/Wire was bought by Almborg in October 1991, and Telegram and Reel were acquired subsequently.

In addition to Telegram getting out

of its distribution deal with MNV subsidiary Musikdistribution, Almborg becomes minority shareholder in MNV with 25% holding in the company.

MNV's managing director, Jonas Sjöström, says the deal benefits both sides. "MNV's liquidity has been weak, and picking up MVG and Reel plus two recording studios gives us a needed cash injection," he says.

The deal strengthens MNV's position as Sweden's largest independent, with 700 titles, including compilations. In the past two years, the Swedish indie has been decimated with PolyGram purchasing Sony, BMG buying the Record Station, and most recently, BMG Ariola Germany buying SexMix Records.

KEEPS LIFE STATUS

Under the terms of the MNV purchase, MVG will continue to function as an independent label at its office in the city of Gothenburg. The bulk of the label with responsibility for A&R as well as artist development and production. All other responsibilities will be handled by MNV in Stockholm.

Reel Records, which represents

such foreign labels as Muric For Nations, Metal Blade, Zappa Records, and Roadrunner, will continue to function on the import side as usual. Other aspects of Reel will be handled by MNV.

Sjöström, with MNV since 1978, attributes the success and longevity of the label to having the right combination. "We do a lot of licensing but I think that it's important to have a good catalog as well as a professional organization. A lot of companies who are no longer around may have been good at finding bands but they lost out when it came to developing them."

Other MNV labels include Snap and Hadium. Musikdistribution had a turnover of 50 million Swedish kronor (\$6.5 million) last year, on par with Virgin's turnover of 60 million kronor (\$8 million).

The combined MNV/MVG catalog will form the basis for the launch of a major TV marketing campaign together with national retail department store Ahlens.

The campaign, dubbed "Ex Pris," is geared toward the midprice market.

DISNEY TOUCHES BASE WITH NEW FRENCH LABEL

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can expand. Our only limit is success. Süssmann, who was marketing director of Sony Music France before moving to Disney four years ago, says the music is a natural growth area for the company, which has recently centralized all of its marketing and promotion operations.

For many years, Disney was distributed by Dutch-based Adès, a children's music and classical specialist. When Adès was sold to media group Hachette and, two years ago, when Hachette sold its music division to Warner Music, the deal contract continued. It was in force until Dec. 31 last year, when Disney switched distribution to Sony Music. Disney's move is said to have been sparked by a wish to reach all accounts, not just specialist outlets.

The move does not affect the activities of U.S.-based Hollywood Records, licensed to FNAC Music and distributed through FNAC-owned distributor WMD.

Disney's musical structure operates with 10 top executives covering all aspects of the industry, including recording, marketing, sales, promotion, and publishing.

"Publishing is a very important aspect of our work," says Süssmann. "We create a lot of original music in France, and our goal is to contribute to the development of French creativity and to the development of European copyrights."

Disney has developed its own artists, such as children's singer and TV show host Anne, who has had seven singles in the French top 50, including two top-five entries.

The Disney office in France also serves as a marketing base for Disney's records and publishing throughout Europe.

Says Süssmann, "In 1992 we have

enhanced our positions in Northern Europe, Italy, and Spain. We have an average growth of 15%-20% over last year."

Among last year's most successful projects was the simultaneous launch of "The Beaches" by The Beaches, a product recorded in each country

with national stars, such as Gino Paoli, Charles Aznavour, and Liane Farrow, and Peter Hoffman in Germany.

"Our ambition is to have more and more European creativity adapted to local markets," says Süssmann.

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PRODUCERS MIKE Stock and Peter Waterman have received an apology from the British Phonographic Industry for having omitted Stock's name from a nomination in the Brit Awards. The nomination was for the best British producer award, which was won by Peter Gabriel and Daniel Lanois.

DUTCH COFFEE Minister Wey D'Arenza has received the first pressing of an anti-racist benefit album to be distributed by Sony Music. Titled "Alone Together," the CD features 15 songs from Dutch musicians who all contributed to the album's title track. Proceeds will go to the Anne Frank foundation, to fund a primary-school education program.

GERMAN COFFEE chain Tchibo is reported to be retailing its Beatles albums in defiance of a court injunction. Frankfurt Regional Court ruled Feb. 5 Tchibo was forbidden to circulate the Beatles CD boxed set and was to surrender all copies to authorities.

NEW ZEALAND MARKET TEETERING

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company paid an excessive purchase price for the former HMV stores to bolster Bruch's. Recent events at the chain represent a strengthening to ease for the small, depressed retail market, which needs to respond quickly to changing buying patterns, discount wars, and high overheads.

Fascinated and the Marbecks have a friendly relationship as the former

firm has always bought from Marbecks's stores, according to Roger Marbeck. "I wouldn't have taken this on I didn't trust him," he told the National Business Review. "And this arrangement must be based on mutual trust. It could have suggested I could be Bruch broke by giving the wrong advice, but that would soon show up in the books."

Festival Pushes Sonia Dada To Top

SYDNEY—"I've had other managing directors ringing me up to congratulate me," says Bill Eeg, managing director of Festival Records, one of Australia's few major independent record companies.

The back slaps are for the extraordinary national success of Chicago gospel-rap soul group Sonia Dada, which has at last made it to No. 1 on the Australian ARIA singles chart. For six weeks, the group was pushed ahead from the top spot by Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You." The song that has held the group there is "You Don't Treat Me No Good," the first single from the gold self-titled al-

bum, which currently is No. 2.

With a second single, "You Ain't Thinkin' About Me" now in the top 10, it is the most unexpected and honestly surprising breakout in the Australian market for many years.

It is, however, typical of Festival. In the days before it was stripped of A&M, Island, and Chrysalis in a single year, Festival was internationally renowned as the company that recognized and broke foreign acts ahead of their home markets. The roster was impressive: Janis Ian, Blondie, Concrete Blonde, Melissa Etheridge, Toni Childs, the Proclaimers, and Sam Brown among among the entities who used early Australian success as a springboard.

Festival had U2 at No. 1 more than two years before it broke in the U.S.

"This is what we traditionally do best," says A&R director Kerry Fitz-

gerald. "We've always been able to take records which most other companies wouldn't even select for this territory and get them away. But it's been a while since it happened like this for us, so there's a lot of real excitement in the building at the moment."

Festival secured the Sonia Dada repertoire through its distribution deal with the Independent Chameleon label. It is the second significant success from the deal. In 1990, Festival scored gold with the John Lee Hooker album "The Healer."

"You Don't Treat Me No Good" was worked and reworked with single-minded determination by Festival over many months. It eventually broke out of the South Australian city of Adelaide, where it was given airtime by SA-FM and X102. After that it spread quickly through the Austro network, which owns SA-FM. GLENN A. KAMER

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GLOBAL MUSIC PULSE

THE LATEST MUSIC NEWS FROM AROUND THE PLANET

EDITED BY DAVID SINCLAIR

HUNGARY: There has been widespread amazement at the success of Rapak, the Hungarian-language rap act whose self-titled album has held the country's No. 1 slot for several months. Featuring two members of the group Elad Emelet (First Floor), Rapak is fronted by a popular local radio DJ, Péter Genti, now calling himself MC Genti. For Hungarian fans accustomed to English-speaking acts such as Hammer and Marky Mark, hearing rap in their own language has been a revelation.



Thanks to the Rapak posse's clever, often poetic lyrics, which combine romance with humor, plus the suggestive performances of Genti, the group has enjoyed unprecedented nationwide success and turned rap into one of Hungary's most popular musical genres. In a country where no album is awarded gold status for sales of 50,000 and platinum for 100,000, "Rapak" (Magnetron) has already sold in excess of 170,000 copies.

FERNIC KASARIAN

TURKEY: Slowly but surely, this country is becoming a credible stop-off point for international jazz acts, which in turn is encouraging the development of local bands. Of particular note is the Akbank Jazz Festival, staged annually in Istanbul and Ankara. At last year's event, Turkey's top jazz ensemble, the Süleyman Ergüder Group, played alongside Nat Adderley and the Cassandra Wilson Quintet in Istanbul's Cemal Reşit Rey concert hall. Most of the revenue from the festival goes toward training and encouraging local jazz and classical orchestras.

JOHN CARR

ITALY: In 1968, Gianni Nocenzi, ex-keyboard player with '60s group Banca, became the first domestic artist to release an album ("Empire") on Virgin's specialist instrumental label, Venture. Now Nocenzi has released "Soft Songs" (Virgin), a blissful fusion of Japanese and Mediterranean spiritualities that has been greeted with tremendous acclaim. The Japanese influence is not accidental. Ryuichi Sakamoto, Nocenzi's alter ego, contributes keyboards, percussion, and programming to the eight-minute track "Al Principio dell'Arcobaleno—Part Two," while Norihito Sumitomo plays tenor and soprano sax and synthesizer on several tracks. Nocenzi wrote all the music and plays a wide variety of electronic instrumentation as well as acoustic piano. As its title suggests, "Soft Songs" features graceful and gentle musical textures, but the adjective also refers to the electronic software used in the making of the album, which Nocenzi calls the spirituality inside the machine.

DAVID STANFIELD



INDIA: Indian classical music was promoted at NIDEEM for the first time this year when OMI Music Inc. and Magnusson India (Pvt.) Ltd set up a joint stall. The initiative prompted enquiries from several countries including Singapore, Russia, and Australia. OMI and Magnusson sold more than 70 titles in the classical repertoire, including two by Kadir Gopalnath, renowned for his saxophone interpretations of Carnatic music. The hottest item, however, is "Song Of Nature," an album that dwells on the several folk music styles of India, played here by Vaidyanathan Ravi on bhait on guitar, Rons Majumdar on flute, and Tarun Bhattacharya on saroor.

JERRY OUSOUZA

IRELAND: Perhaps it has something to do with the name, but Hank Halfhead & the Rambling Turkeys remain one of the nation's best-kept secrets. Even so, Halfhead is a singer, songwriter, and mandolin player whose mix of traditional and contemporary music has a toughness and bite that serves as a welcome antidote to some of the more saccharine of country/Irish material. A native Dubliner who, according to one of his own songs, was "raised in Harold's Cross in a Tennessee frame of mind," Halfhead proved a late developer, only releasing his first hit single three years ago, at the age of 45. As Niall Toner, he presents the highly rated weekly radio show "Country Heartland" for national state broadcaster RTÉ Radio 1. A regular attraction at such venues as Bad Bob's and Breck For The Border in Dublin, Halfhead and his Turkeys played at the Aer Rianta Arts Festival at Dublin Airport last month. The band's debut album is titled by the current single, "The Mount Lion" (Music Man), a song that recalls a break crash involving a steam locomotive in the early 1900s in Dublin.

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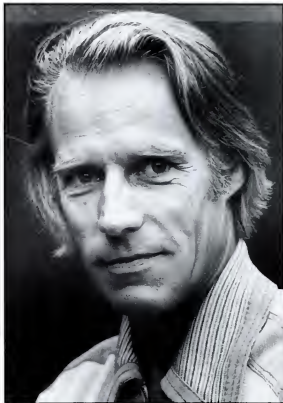


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George Martin

How The Wizard Of AIR Realized
His Vision Of "A Studio Built By
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"Music is always much better
when it comes from the heart,
with live performance."

By Neville Martin

When the Beatles signed their contract with Parlophone Records, George Martin already had several years behind him as a label manager and producer. By rock 'n' roll standards, Martin was part of the establishment, with his straightforward manner, tweed jackets and sober ties. But his musical talent and ability to bring out the best in the four lads from Liverpool changed the British music industry forever.

Ironically, it might never have happened, for they had been rejected by every record company in the country and George had been on the verge of leaving Parlophone when he first gave them an audition.

"I had decided to leave EMI at the beginning of 1962, believing fiercely that producers should have their rewards in the form of a record royalty—something that EMI consistently refused," says Martin. (Producers today obtain royalties of around 4 percent or more.) "A postponed decision meant that I was still

running Parlophone during that fateful 1962, when I met up with Brian Epstein."

AIR's clout was not due only to George Martin's great track record. His partners, John Burgess, Ron Richards and Peter Sullivan, were also very successful producers. Burgess had joined EMI in 1961 in press and promotion. After the company acquired Capitol Records, he spent his time promoting Sinatra, Dean Martin and Peggy Lee, but he was more interested in making music than writing about it. He was able to take an unusual sideways step to become assistant to top producer Norman Newell and was soon producing a string of hits with Adam Faith, Manfred Mann, Freddie & the Dreamers and Peter & Gordon. Richards, as Martin's assistant on the Parlophone label, was then producing the Hollies and P.J. Proby, while Sullivan was at Decca scoring with Tom Jones, Lulu and Engelbert Humperdinck.

The new company, Associated Independent Recordings, had a

catchy acronym—AIR. Initially, they used Abbey Road, Chappell and Morgan Studios for their work, but it was always their intention to have their own studio. "By the time 1967 came along, we had accrued enough money from royalties to build our own studios," says Martin. They started building AIR Studios at the Oxford Street site in 1967 and opened two rooms in early 1969. Luxuriously situated in the center of town, AIR was the envy of the studio world. Studio One featured a 16-track channel Neve console that outstripped most other studios in town.

Says Martin, "Our motto then still holds true today: a studio built by producers for producers." Most of the places in which we had worked were very good indeed, but we felt that we could do better—provide not only superb gear but create a great environment. The right atmosphere was fundamental. We were the first to have 24-track and also console automation, with the early Neveam system, long before SSL had begun."

The first session in AIR Studios

was the third album for the Climax Blues Band, a group signed by Chris Thomas, who had joined the company as a junior producer. They were also the first group to record at AIR Studios Manton, the facility built 10 years later in the West Indies.

Another session in that first week was with Cilla Black, the young star who had been a cloakroom attendant at the Cavern Club in Liverpool in the early days of the Beatles.

In the beginning, more than half the studio time was taken up by the company producers. Keith Slaughter had come over from Abbey Road to handle the technical side with support from Dave Harries. Various engineers joined as well, including the legendary Geoff Emerick and Bill Price and young Turks such as Jon Kelly and John Turner, adding to the brilliance of the team.

Producers and engineers were still different species then, and AIR's partners saw a great advantage in creating a training ground for both. The more people using AIR's methods, the more using

AIR's studios.

"We reckoned we had a kind of philosophy in our engineering and production work, and we were able to indoctrinate young people into that way of working," says Martin. "The ambition of every tape operator was to become a great engineer, and they would learn from the stars. A really firm grasp of all technical aspects with meticulous attention to detail was a 'sine qua non,' and a musically approach to studio work meant a slight overlap of the producer's function, which was all to the good."

"We taught never to trust machines too faithfully—the ears were always the best judge." This attitude is no different today; the acoustic testing in the new studios took place with the participation of the London Symphony Orchestra's Chorus and the Britten String Quartet.

By 1975, the AIR hierarchy had changed. Richards and Sullivan went their separate ways, and Burgess took over the reins as managing director. As the various engineers and trainee producers blossomed, Burgess developed their careers as independents, and the AIR legacy was passed on through the millions of albums sold by Chris Thomas, John Borer, Jon Kelly, Steve Nye, Nigel Walker and Jon Jacobs.

The '80s have seen a serious sea change in the health of recording studios, with the recession biting deep into the heart of the business generally. But AIR's name is synonymous with excellence. In opening the new AIR at Lyndhurst Hall, Martin and Burgess are continuing a theme that goes back to a time before anyone realized that the British made great records. The new engineers at AIR measure up to the tradition that they continue to forge. The new facilities offer more than anyone could possibly have dreamed of in 1965.

It is not every recording complex that has the Prince of Wales as guest of honor at its first recording. That first session was a live performance for The Prince's Trust Charity of "An Evening With Dylan Thomas"—the staging of a musical for one night. It was directed by and starred Anthony Hopkins and featured a host of stars including Tom Jones and Jonathan Pryce. It combined live and recorded voices with orchestra, sound and lighting effects, and hard disc and multi-track recording—all before a royal audience with 560 people. It was a good test for a studio.

"I have a passion that one should always have the courage to be experimental," says Martin. "So much more than the comfort and convenience of computer technology sounds monotonously dull. I would like to see people experimenting more with original sounds rather than accepting what's good and easy. And music is always much better when it comes from the heart, with live performance. There is a buzz that comes from people actually playing together that no amount of technical chic can equal." ■

A New Era At AIR



John Burgess, outside AIR Lyndhurst

In terms of staff, equipment and acoustics, for me AIR Lyndhurst is the recording studio by which all others are measured. Neil Dorfman, engineer and producer

AIR Lyndhurst

The Studio Maintains Its Place In History— And Its Penchant For Making It—In ‘New’ Digs

By Zenon Schoepe

Opened in the heady days of the late 1960s, when the U.K. quite simply led the world in recording studios, AIR Studios at Oxford Circus rode the crest of the creativity wave that swept the country following the recording exploits of the Beatles.

Heritage is one of the unique features of recording in Britain, and AIR Studios has always been an integral part of that heritage. It continues to blaze a trail well into its third decade as an international center of recording excellence. One of the great survivors, AIR has the unassailable quality of possessing history and being part of recording history, having always maintained its position at the very forefront of recording history. The reputation for excellence of its in-house engineers is legendary, with Lance Phillips, Geoff Foster, Rupert Coulson, Andy Strange and Steve Orchard—who have all worked with the world's leading producers and artists—providing an essential and efficient link between the client and the technology.

The move from AIR's home of 21 years, the northeast corner of Oxford

Circus in central London, to its new site at Lyndhurst Hall, in the highly desirable foothills of Hampstead in northwest London, has transferred the tradition and upped the ante into a new era.

It is the opening of the most ambitious and largest recording complex on the international circuit. And AIR, through a 50-50 collaboration between Chrysalis and Japanese

The main hall's capabilities comfortably span orchestral recording, television programs, conferences and press launches.

giant Pioneer, is resigning itself subtly in new directions that draw on the strengths for which it has become world-famous.

An all-digital audio for video AMS Logic 2 postproduction studio is numbered among the five studios of the complex, along with an all-digital Logic 2 mixing room. Both implemen-

tations are characteristically pioneering. Traditional recording expertise, however, is not neglected, with the presence of an SSL 8000 mix room, a Neve VRP Legend serving the capacious main hall, which can comfortably function as a television studio, and the legendary old custom Neve situated in an all-new Studio 1 to continue what Studio 1 at Oxford Circus started.

Says technical director Dave Harries, "Studio 1 resembles in volume and area the Studio 1 at Oxford Circus. That's intentional because it can be marketed at the same area of recording with the same desk—the last desk that Rupert Neve designed while he was still at Neve."

Only three of these custom Neve Superconsoles were ever built, and AIR once owned two—the other is at AIR's Muntersport resort studios. The desk, which is extended with Focusrite channels, has been extensively refurbished for its new home, according to studio manager Malcolm Atkin.

"It's the family silver," he says. "We've not touched the architecture,

but we've put in new knobs and switches and integrated GML automation for faders and aux send switches. We're still using the remote mix amp system, which is fairly unique to that desk. It's a valid concept because Rupert Neve convincingly demonstrated to us that cables over 20 meters could cause problems with some types of microphones."

Harries adds that they didn't want to run the risk of adding things to the desk that might alarm users. "We're keeping the tradition of that console going," he says.

The Rear Hall, as the live area of Studio 1 is called, has also been enhanced over Studio 1 at Oxford Circus. "We've accommodated people who want to use the hall on its own and those who want isolation areas for rock 'n' roll. There are moving walls that can chop the room into sections," says Atkin. "A similar principle is used in the main hall, and it is extremely efficient."

The high regard for the preservation of analog technology at its purest has been interlarded with a strong move at AIR Lyndhurst for digital
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A New Era At AIR



Lyndhurst's main hall during construction

When George Martin found the original Oxford Circus building for AIR Studios, he was told that the premises were too ambitious for a studio. However, when AIR opened in 1969 it soon became the premier studio in London and was regarded as 20 years ahead of its time. Well, the 20 years are now up and George Martin has found an even better location for AIR. So Lyndhurst Hall should excel for at least the next 20 years!

Bill Price

Scripture, Kings & Monster Movies

A History Of Lyndhurst Hall

BY NEVILLE FARMER

In the Middle Ages, Belsize Park was known by its Norman/French name, Bel Auzis. It was officially noted as the "messuage and 57 acres of land in Hamstead which Sir Roger De Brabazon gave to Westminster Abbey in 1317." In modern English, Bel Auzis means "beautifully situated," and even now the luxurious hillside residential area just north of Regents Park lives up to its name.

Haverstock Hill, leading up to the still quaint village of Hampstead, was the hunting ground of kings and lords for hundreds of years. The lush grounds were fed by the crystal springs that rose around Hampstead.

The beauty of Hampstead and its proximity to the city made it fashionable with artists, writers, leading society figures and politicians. To this day, Hampstead has the same image. One area is known as the artists' village, and the local member of

Parliament is Oscar-winning actress Glenda Jackson.

By the time Lyndhurst Hall was built in 1884, the hillside at Belsize had lost much of its open lands and had become a network of leafy avenues lined with opulent red-brick merchants' houses. The new developments needed religious support, so several churches and synagogues were built for the different denominations living there.

The main hall at Lyndhurst was designed by famed British architect Alfred Waterhouse, who also designed London's beautiful Natural History Museum. It was used as a Methodist and then Congregational church, and the laying of the foundation stone is recorded in a tiny but beautiful stained glass window inside the old main entrance. As the century turned, a four-story wing was added as a missionary school, which enter-

tained such luminaries as Livingstone and Stanley.

The church maintained its ecclesiastical role until 1979. Part of the school wing was converted into luxury apartments and the main hall had various and occasional tenants, including the crew for Jim Henson's "The Monster Movie," which was filmed there. It was also the main production office of Paul McCartney's "Give My Regards to Broad Street."

Through the 1880s, the building layed, empty and boarded up. Meanwhile, the 20-year lease at AIR Oxford Circus had been a point of discussion among the management for some years. Ten years before they actually had to leave, they were talking over future plans and prospects. In the last five years, they searched the southeast of England for premises where they could achieve and advance the original purposes of AIR.

The concept was to restore the fabric of the building to its original splendor, while introducing recording facilities to the highest international standards.

Possible purchases included Jacobs Studios, a Georgian country house in the fields south of London, and Bray Film Studios. Bray was a relic of the great days of the British film industry, which had lost most of its greatness through the protectionist policies of governments of the 1950s and 1960s. Bray almost became the future of AIR, but the owners wanted far too much money. By the time the price had dropped, AIR was in love with Lyndhurst Hall.

But Lyndhurst posed some serious challenges for any architect, not least of which was its listing as a building of outstanding architectural interest by the Department of the Environment. The beauty of its lines and the artistry involved in its construction were protected, and any changes had to be approved by English Heritage. However, it offered fantastic possibilities within its 28,000 square feet.

London has many recording facilities but very few purpose-built orchestral rooms. For years, most classical recordings had been recorded in centers like Watford Town Hall or the Kingsway Hall. All were dogged by problems of lack of isolation. Kingsway was noted for the intrusion of the underground trains passing beneath during quiet string solos and had closed a few years earlier.

As the technical standards posed by
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A New Era At AIR

I have always considered AIR Studios in Oxford Circus to be a very professional studio of the highest caliber and have enjoyed using it for many years. It has a great history and pedigree and I'm sure it will continue in Hampstead with the same professionalism and enjoy at least another 25 years as London's leading studio. I will definitely be using it and wish them every success.

John Kelly, Producer



The windows of Lyndhurst

Lyndhurst History

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digital recording (which became a standard in classical long before rock) became increasingly demanding, the old large orchestral venues were unable to achieve the necessary isolation from outside noise. The main hall at Lyndhurst was ideal, if properly isolated. By using the additional space to complement the main room with smaller studios, mix rooms, post production, Foley suites and editing facilities, AIR could make the transition in style from the best in audio recording to the ultimate in multimedia production.

The building was purchased in 1988. Planning permission was granted, partly because the rebuilding would retain and enhance so much of the structure's stunning features, and a huge team of experts began to plan its resurrection. Fit-out project managers Cassidy Taggart Partnership, architects Heber Perry Parix, structural engineers Beers, interior fit-out designer Angus Macpherson of Macpherson and acoustical engineers Sandy Brown Associates started to

unravel the intricacies of the historical order with AIR's longtime technical wizard and project chief, Dave Harries.

The concept was to restore the fabric of the building to its original splendor, while introducing recording facilities to the highest international standards. The facilities had to include five control room suites, two large studios, a video suite, lounges, residential units, a restaurant and recreational room and offices. But stained glass windows, church choir stalls, timber flooring, stonework and moldings, brickwork and the organ pipes had to be retained.

The huge stained glass windows had to be triple-glazed on the inside to preserve the external appearance. From the outside, in fact, only the floodlighting at night would suggest that it is anything but a church. Inside, Angus Macpherson came up with designs in wood, brick and stone that drew on original plans and added a sympathetic touch of luxury to the practicalities of Victorian design.

The construction was not without

problems. Digging out the basement for the heating and air-conditioning plant had been painless, as the building was supported on solid and dry London clay. But the downpour on the night of Pavarotti's concert in Hyde Park turned it into a swimming pool. About 10 feet away, the elevator shaft opened up to one of Hampstead's famous streams, a tributary of the Fleet River, and the flood almost washed away the adjacent cottage.

The building also produced other surprises. One square meter of the ground in Studio 1 is consecrated ground, which cannot be used either for profitable business or the sale of liquor, though that was seen as unlikely to affect the recording business.

Dave Harries even suggested bottling the water from the spring and running a fountain in the lobby. Sadly, the water is no longer as pure as it was and the plan was scrapped. But the years of planning, the problems and the sweat have produced the most exciting studio building in Britain in 60 years. ■

AIR has always been one of my favorite studios. I'll miss the old place but look forward to the new home.

Mike Fraser, producer



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—George Martin, Head of Air Studios Lyndhurst

George Martin has always had the keen ability to forge new directions in the music industry. He signed the Beatles in 1962. And went on to produce their recordings. In 1969 he designed the first Air Studios, which remains one of the world's preeminent recording venues.

Now Mr. Martin's passion for new directions in entertainment has led to a unique partnership with Pioneer.

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A New Era At AIR



Marini is currently producing the debut album of promising young Japanese artist Yoshiki.

AIR Lyndhurst

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technology at its highest, which ties in conveniently with an area that the studio wants to explore.

"We hope to expand more towards television," explains Harries. "The main hall has many uses apart from recording and will be used for shooting TV. We've got three phases of 300 amps available for lighting and have

AIR Studios continues to blaze a trail well into its third decade as an international center of recording excellence.

arranged for a pre-fabricated lighting rig which we can put in at very short notice. We've pre-wired TV camera points in consultation with Chrystalis Mobiles, so they can bring an OB truck along and just plug into the wall."

Through its collaboration with Pioneer, AIR originally planned to provide laserdisc mastering at Lyndhurst but when the market didn't develop an alternative plan was hatched. "We always realized that we would have to go into some sort of video for television postproduction," says Harries. "Chrystalis Television has just about every type of television facility among its companies except for a good audio postproduction facility."

Thus the video floor, run by ex-Thames TV dubbing engineer Cliff Jones, completes the Chrystalis gig by means of an AMS Logic 2 digital desk and AudioFile hard disc editor. The complex's second AMS package is installed in Studio 3—one of the world's first all-digital mix rooms.

"AIR has never been shy about taking technical steps," explains Harries about the choice of the Logic 2 for Studio 3. "There was absolutely no point in not having a digital desk. It's going to be very exciting," he adds.

"It's a full 20-bit digital system with 48 strips giving 102 channel capability, and we have a lot of clients who are eager to get on it," says Atkins. "We've also taken a full set of AMS 20-bit mix inputs for recording straight off the main hall."

AMS was able to install a Logic 2 system at AIR Oxford Circus last July, allowing the studio to evaluate its purchase thoroughly in a low-pressure situation so that both sides clearly understand what the other is doing. "You can do things on it that you just

can't get near on an analog console—100:1 compression ratios that don't pump at all. It shouldn't happen in the real world, but it's perfect," enthuses Atkins.

"The Logic 2 looks very much like an analog console and doesn't scare people," he explains. "The eight assignable controls per strip give it the feel and drive of an analog desk, which is very reassuring in this intermediate stage before the whole world accepts digital."

Atkin believes that the MADI connections between digital desk and digital multitrack will revolutionize the approach to machinery. To this end, Lyndhurst boasts a central machine room. "Each studio has its own machine room, but I anticipate that more and more of these facilities will become centralized as network sys-

I'm certain AIR Lyndhurst will be one of the world's premier recording facilities. I can't wait to record in the big hall, where I hope to make a new record this year. At present, I'm in the mixing suite and it sounds better than any control room I've heard. It's particularly good to see the same people who ran the old studios so well all together in the new one. My congratulations to everyone concerned.

Mark Knopfler

Studio 2 is practically identical in terms of layout and facilities to Studio 3, aside from the big difference of analog and digital consoles respectively—a situation that Harries sees as an interesting opportunity to compare the two media directly.

Both desks' multifunctionality and film monitoring modes correspond to the presence of LCR and stereo surround monitoring in every room. The monitoring system has been built by AIR in collaboration with acoustician Andy Marini and loudspeaker manufacturer Dynaudio. Described as an extremely faithful solution to the room/speaker problem, the systems are powered by Hill Chameleon amps in a move to reinstate main monitors in their rightful place at the head of affairs, according to Harries. "We've always customized monitors at AIR, and for the last seven years we've been using Dynaudio units," he says. "The rooms are built as a concept around the monitors to achieve the best possible result at every angle."

Harries believes that many main monitors, particularly those from the U.S., leave a lot to be desired and have caused the move toward the use of new fields. "There is more distortion in most of those born systems from America than in all the speakers put together in this place," he observes. "We feel that if you have a very true set of main monitors, which is very hard to achieve, people will work with them and get the results they want. We're not trying to blow away any other type of monitor—there are limitations with any speaker, but ours are built into the room properly."

The Lyndhurst studio monitors are derivatives of Dynaudio/Acoustics M4 4-way systems, using four 12-inch bass drivers in all rooms apart from the main hall and Studio 1. There the



Photo by Paul Cox

tems. It's been a method of operation for years in video," he says, adding that, with the increasing average number of channels and tracks being used on a session, analog wiring and connection has become ungainly.

Studio 3's Logic 2 has an 8-output, 4-hour AudioFile mounted integrally, an arrangement that Harries and Atkins believe heralds the beginning of the new way to mix masters. "There are 1,001 ways you can use the AudioFile in a mix," says Atkins. "You

lights."

"It's laid out as a no-compromise mixing room with all the equipment you'll need and the closest and most realistic sound we can achieve," says Harries. Initial reactions from Studio 2's first users, Dr. Strangelove, have been extremely favorable.

"That's amazing," comments Harries. "We've never had a room that has opened without some sort of small criticism. Usually they can find something wrong."

existence of control-room windows necessitated the use of two Floor TAD 15-inch bass drivers in large ported enclosures to overcome the lack of available bass space.

"The idea is to have speakers on which you can hear everything you're doing," says Harries. "Most engineers could hear a half dB turn in EQ, and these speakers will let them hear it."

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Sony 24 and 66-track DASH digitals, Mitsubishi X650 ProDigital, five Studer A800s and Otari MT650 with Diddy SR available if required. Atkin adds that more digital machines are likely as the work load changes, particularly with regard to classical recording.

Two-tracks include Sony 1630 and an Ampex ATR102, described by Atkin as "quite an old gentleman these days, but still the best half-inch machine going. Increasingly, most of the work goes on to DAT. We are market-led—our clients tell us they want DAT machines and 20-bit converters and that's what we give them."

Atkin admits that AIR has a very extensive "top cupboard," which any session can draw on, including "lovely old fifties of mics," such as old valve Neumanns as well as such modern devices as B6 Ks. "We have plenty of old mono and stereo Fairchilds and old Pultecs. We've got stuff going back 20-odd years—we don't throw anything away. We've even got an Everettt flanger and Gramophone Spring echo—they all find a use somewhere along the line."

"One of the things we've noticed in this building is that the staircases all have wonderful natural echoes to them. And because they're all sound-proofed, they're all usable."

Each control room is kitted out with an Akai sampler, Eventide H3000 and Lexicon 300, in addition to more rudimentary outboard processing. MIDI tie lines with line drivers are also fitted in each room. "Our chief engineer Rob Higgins has developed and installed the hardware for a recall system for the patchbays," adds Atkin. "Each Jack insertion point has an LED above it. If you record a patch set-up and then recall it, you'll be given a pair of flashing LEDs for each pair of connections."

"It also has a lot of uses with a cleared patchfield. If there is a fault anywhere on the system, an LED will light—so it's diagnostic as well as convenient. You'll immediately be able to tell if someone has been interfering with the patch."

The whole site is wired for RS422 and house-eyes to U.S. and European standards with a Lynx Timeline controller system so that any machine in the building can interact with any other, and the whole system runs balanced with Mogami oxygen-free cable throughout with the studio's own technical earth.

Air conditioning is fully computerised and each studio has its own kitchenette and toilet—a luxury that space restrictions did not permit at Oxford Circus. Additional benefits of the move include parking facilities, five bedroom accommodations with bathrooms, a restaurant, a games area and a lounge with a kitchen.

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AIR's Moving Experience Lyndhurst's Renovation Took Teamwork & A Sensitive Touch

By ZENON SCHOEPE

Faced with the prospect of moving 21 years of accumulated audio paraphernalia, AIR Studios started looking for new premises in the mid-1980s. Lyndhurst Hall was appealing for both its charm as a Grade 2 listed building and its potential as a unique recording venue.

Its selection by AIR was the building's salvation. It had been standing idle and in disrepair for more than 10 years, its splendor tainted and worn by the ravages of the seasons. Consequently, much more was involved than simply moving in.

Lyndhurst Hall had to be totally rebuilt from the inside to renovate its structure and to satisfy the criteria for a recording venue that would operate at the very pinnacle of the industry.

"We couldn't afford to have sound break through between studios—from the outside or from the inside," says AIR technical director Dave Harries. "When you're building a studio for people like George Martin, it has to be right."

Studio manager Malcolm Atkin points out that the main problem was that a conversion was involved. "If we had a green field site we would have just put everything on the ground floor. You'd start with the internal volume you wanted and work outwards," he says.

"With a conversion, you eventually come to an outside wall and six inches might make all the difference to a room," explains Harries. "You start off talking about yards, then you come down to feet, and eventually you're arguing about a quarter of an inch."

Matters were complicated by the building's historic importance. The English Heritage is interested in preserving the outward appearance of the former United Reform Church and respecting various internal details. Rather than restrict planning, this actually added to the atmosphere and uniqueness of AIR Lyndhurst, which is beautifully and expertly isolated from the busy traffic junction at which it stands.

"We wanted to squeeze as much space out of the building as we could," explains Harries. "We drew on the experience of 20 years at Oxford Circus in terms of what we thought we'd need and the limitations we had there. Our rooms, for example, were not as big as those of our competitors."

Atkin adds that the air conditioning at Oxford Circus, while lasting 22 years, had been designed for the days when facilities like separate machine rooms, artist lounges and kitchens were not regarded as essential.

"We knew that we wanted the same number of facilities that we had at Oxford Circus, only bigger—plus something for postproduction," says Harries. "That's a team consisting of Harries, Atkin, architect Bernard

Parker and in-house designer Angus Macpherson worked long and hard at laying out the floor plans for the empty shell of Lyndhurst long before construction work began.

"Just the deciding where the lift should go was difficult because there were so many options and so many things to take into account," says Harries.

There are three parts to the building: the main hall at the front, an all-new triplex center section, which contains the control rooms; and the rear hall and missionary school, which houses Studio 1, the accommodations and other associated facilities.

"If you look at the construction of the center triplex of the building, there is a giant rift in the basement, which holds the air conditioning," explains Harries. "From that, there is vertical steelwork, and off that, jugs with Teflex pads holding floating floor constructions of steelwork and concrete—with the walls and ceilings sitting separately. That's how the boxes were made up—a plant room in the basement with three independently isolated boxes above."

The main contractor was Transformations. "They oversaw and built all of the main structure, the basement, steelwork, external walls, the restoration work, the acoustic roof, the acoustic boxes, control room floors, lids, block walls, concrete and floating floors, drains, roof, windows—everything that builders do," says Harries.

The structural engineers were Treweek and Peter Clark, with architects Bernard Parker and George Kounnos of Heber-Percy and Parker. The fitting out of the studio was carried out by Mansfield, a commercial operation headed by Angus Macpherson and started specifically for the job, with 25 carpenters creat-

ing room kits from rough timber and four draughtsmen with full CAD equipment in-house.

"It's not very often that you can have a design-and-build company that has its own woodworking shop," comments Harries. "From building the rooms, speaker cabinets and all the furniture to building desk parts, they did it all."

The acoustic consultant was Richard Walther of Sandy Brown Associates, when Harries considered to be the best. He's especially skilled in the specialist isolation work required in achieving the maximum room area in the complicated center triplex section.

The difficult task of trunking the enormous air conditioning system required placing the work as been completed correctly, for their confidence has already been tested. One of the first sessions in the main hall, with Henry Mancini, coincided with the arrival of workmen with noisy drills working directly outside on the main road. Neither side heard the other.

With regard to the life expectancy of Lyndhurst studios before a major revamp, Harries is unequivocal. "Teflex pads have a 100-year guarantee," he says. "We've used basic acoustic principles which have been around since 1927, with panel absorbers and wide-band absorbers on the walls. It's a very low Q system, which means it really new sound. That's the only reason we'd re-tilt it to re-quip, to change the carpet or the light fittings when we change a desk."

Consistency is a constant in this turbulent world. Here's to the next millennium at AIR Lyndhurst. ■

AIR Studios are uniquely British in atmosphere, and the AIR "School of Recording"—carried over from Abbey Road and the Beatles via George Martin and through to us in Roxy Music by Chris Thomas—proved invaluable to our knowledge of recording techniques. I recently visited Lyndhurst Hall and could feel that the tradition has already been passed on to the new studio.

Phil Manzanera, Roxy Music guitarist

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Postproduction Ready

AIR Lyndhurst's important step into audio for video production is underscored for a recurring standard of AIR's stature. The Lyndhurst complex will be able to follow a television production from the original shoot in the main hall to the final mix in its postproduction and dubbing suite, which is equipped with an AMS Logic 2 digital desk and AudioFile hard disc editor.

"Broadcasters and the general public are becoming increasingly aware of sound quality," says senior dubbing engineer Cliff Jones. "We have engineers with very well-trained ears who have always maintained high standards—standards required for the next generation of broadcasting."

The 20-strip Logic 2, equating to 80 channels through its layering capabilities, and 16-output 8-hour AudioFile Spectra are supplemented most notably by Sony PCM7000 direct-record DAT's and Lexicon L300. Viewing is handled by a Pioneer rear-projection 5-inch monitor from Beta SP, high and low band Umatic, S-VHS and the re-

remote users. "Rather than sitting down with a catalog, searching for the disk and loading and cutting it manually, you ask the system for a type of effect, such as 'dog bark.' It lists all the effects with the word 'dog' in the title, you select the effect and press 'cut' and it loads the disk and plays it out for you."

A preproduction room based around an AudioFile Optica and with a small Foley stage is planned for a later date,

to act as a feed for the dubbing suite and add even more flexibility to the Lyndhurst operation.

"It will be one of the biggest complexes in Europe," says Jones, "and one of the few that can offer a complete audio service. There is nothing that we cannot work on."

Camera Ready

Early in the development of Lyndhurst, it was decided to fully wire

the building for television coverage, in order to minimize rigging time and increase the flexibility of the studios, particularly the main hall, as a venue for television productions.

Chrysalis Television Mobiles, part of the Chrysalis Group, was enlisted to consult on camera positions and install the technical wiring.

Chrysalis Mobiles can now drive on to the Lyndhurst site with a full com-

ponent signal 12-camera outside broadcast scanner and be fully rigged and ready to record within an hour.

The opportunities of this arrangement between AIR Studios and Chrysalis Mobiles were first demonstrated on the full component picture and sound recording of a gala performance of Dylan Thomas' "Under Milkwood" for the Prince's Trust in the presence of Prince Charles. ■

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Bruce Lamprow,
producer and engineer

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"It's a product for which I've been looking for a long time," says Jones. "I've presently got instant access audio but I'm still waiting for the videotape to locate and I'm still joggling bits of tape around heads to synchronize sound effects to picture."

"Using a laserdisc system together with the AudioFile, you've got instant access audio and video," he adds, noting that the system is an improvement over competing products because it has picture editing capabilities. "With the laserdisc, if scenes are dropped you can edit internally in the machine."

"The way ahead, as far as my work is concerned, is the fact that I'm using EDL software and I am producing first-generation audio on my mixer. We are taking from the original field tapes directly into the AudioFile from the editor's final list, mixing it digitally on a digital console, editing it in a digital hard disc based system, and laying it back to digital videotape or timecoded DAT. What the customer hears at home is first-generation audio," he says.

Jones is also running a computer-controlled NISM CD jukebox system from ASC, containing 160 sound-effects CDs, which permits, through multicasting, access to eight other

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For His First Lyndhurst Session, Henry Mancini Brought A Panther

By Neville Farmer

Says Henry Mancini, "When I talked to my composer or musician friends in the U.S. and told them I was going into the new AIR studios that George Martin had just built and that it would be the first session of any kind, they thought I was crazy. They said, 'Why are you doing that? Why are you going to go in there and take a chance like that?' It's a new studio and there are always bugs."

"So I told them, 'I trust George.' It's a simple as that. He's always been so meticulous about sound. I came in and had no fears at all, and I was right."

"We're doing 'Son Of The Pink Panther.' We have a maximum of 65 men, a small symphony orchestra really. And there's plenty of room for more strings if we had needed them. The one thing that the musicians have commented on is that it's an orchestral studio in which you can see daylight. They're usually boxes, but this has a nice open feeling. It's a good feeling being able to hear yourself and to hear the other people, which is another thing about a really good studio. It's vital that players are comfortable. I'm happy to have made a little history here."

"The acoustics are wonderful. We're working with temporary baffles on the ceiling because normally in this room there is a four-second delay, which means you hear things a long time after they've finished. For brass, this is a disaster. But they worked on it. They had the London Symphony Orchestra in here doing a practice session, and now the delay is down to two seconds, which is perfect because people can still hear themselves and you still get the ambience."

"I wouldn't hesitate to come back here. I started at the old CTS studios in Baywater, West London, in 1962, and I must have done upwards of 25 films in Britain. I walk into studios here and I recognize a continuity in the people. I've always been happy with the people here."

"We had seven orchestral sessions and one choral session and we're mixing here. The booths worked terrifically well. We have a tender singing for a part in the movie. He was in the booth bellowing away, and we couldn't hear him in the hall. We had the percussion section in the other one and it worked great."

Alan Snelling, top engineer who has worked often with Mancini, says, "I think we all had high expectations, but everyone has said that it sounds better than we could have hoped. It has a live, fresh sound, but it's under control as well—both the things you want. The added attraction is the separation room, which can be opened up to make the room even bigger or separated off. We've had drums and noisy things in there and it sounds brilliant." ■



Pioneer and Chrysalis, Joint Venture Partners With AIR Lyndhurst

The \$50-50 investment of AIR Lyndhurst by the Chrysalis Group and Japanese giant Pioneer is a unique development in the international recording studio world. It brings together the complementary expertise of both organizations in a joint venture that adds up to considerably more than the sum of the parts. Explains Pioneer LDC managing director Kat Uchida, "The purpose is to be involved with an audio studio for our business business. AIR Lyndhurst is one of the most technologically advanced recording studios and the Pioneer LDC group releases film and music programs on laserdisc, which is the most advanced quality video format."

"This investment embodies our corporate philosophy of pushing the frontiers of art and technology, which is reflected in our corporate identity slogan—'The art of entertainment.'"

"Pioneer started in the audio business and high quality audio is our interest. This investment helps keep us in touch with quality audio at the production stage. Pioneer is expanding its business activities from hardware equipment to hardware and also software. That is why Pioneer has invested money in software companies like Carolee Pictures in Los Angeles, who produced films like 'Basic Instinct' and 'Terminator 2.'"

The move, according to Uchida, is perfectly in line with the new area of interest—Pioneer recently set up a joint venture in London, called Covent Garden Pioneer, with the main intent of producing opera and ballet performances at the Royal Opera House for TV, video and laserdisc.

"Pioneer produces a lot of audio and visual equipment, including laserdisc, and it will be a chance for AIR Lyndhurst to use this in the future," adds Uchida.

Chris Wright, chairman of Chrysalis, sees AIR Lyndhurst as an opportunity to build on internationally acknowledged strengths. "Chrysalis Group is now involved in so much more than just music—essentially film and TV—and we found this building not just a replacement for AIR Studios but as something completely different," says Wright.

"It incorporates everything that was great about the old AIR Studios, while also being able to be a TV studio and everything else rolled into one." He adds that AIR Lyndhurst can function as a cultural center and an advanced state-of-the-art multimedia complex, as comfortable with orchestral film soundtracks as it is with TV production and traditional rock recording. "It provides a facility the likes of which have never been seen before. It's a move that enhances the group's other facilities. There's nothing else we want now in terms of facilities or hardware. There is nothing else that one would need. We can broadcast anything live from there around the world. We can do anything for anybody as a result of this. It really is exciting."

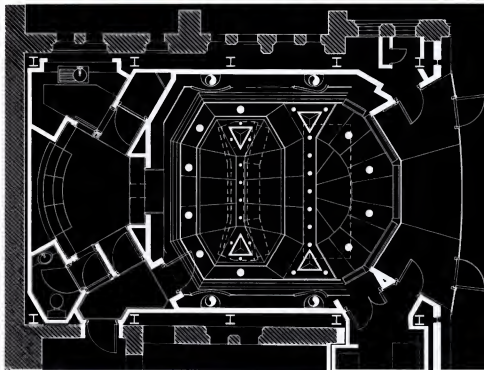
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Thames TV's Lyndhurst Contribution

Part of the massive redevelopment of Lyndhurst Hall involved heavy investment in TV post-production facilities. Thames Television has supplied engineering design consultancy services for the construction of the TV

dubbing suite. The design is based around the AMS Logic series of consoles and wherever possible synchronisation of digital audio and video formats is accomplished in the central equipment room, which also houses an

extensive CD jukebox for sound effects.

Provision has been made for instant access of picture information by the use of a laser video disc recorder which tracks the AudioFile hard disc editor. A surround sound monitoring system has also been incorporated in the design of the suite, which is now supervised by Cliff Jones, who originally pioneered many of the time-saving techniques for Thames Television programs such as "This Week."

Thames Television engineering production department has also produced many of the customized wall-hung panels for AIR Studios. A fast production facility for panels and other mechanical items is assured by use of

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Chris Thomas started off before AIR was a studio. George Martin had interviewed him for a job at EMI, but the second time round was for AIR. Martin took a shine to the young musician and created a job as an apprentice producer in 1968.

In those days, production was quite a separate thing to engineering and Thomas's background as a classically trained musician and songwriter pushed him to the production side. It was something he had wanted since his school days.

"I told my school careers officer that I wanted to be a producer and he said get some to 'V' level standard and you can work up through EMI's accounts department! I joined in 1968 and sat in on sessions with Ron Richards doing the Hollies, Peter Sullivan with Engelbert and Tom Jones, John Burgess with Freddie and the Dreamers and George with the Beatles.

Early learning days at AIR were partly a matter of observing and partly of being thrown in at the deep end.

"I sat and watched for quite a while. But they expected me to sign my own bands and produce them. So I signed the Climax Chicago Blues Band to AIR. Lindas productions and licensed to Harvest. The first two albums I recorded at Abbey Road, the third was the first session in Studios."

A Bonus From The Beatles
Thomas's earliest production experience was also pretty terrifying. George Martin went on holiday for a couple of weeks during the recording of the Beatles' "The White Album" and Chris was left in the hot seat. The band quite happily let him chip in and as a thank you he received a 36p session bonus which was registered as four 9p board session fees. The Beatles were also in the studio while Thomas produced the two day sessions for the



Climax Blues Band's first album.

"We were in Studio 3 and at one moment Paul McCartney came in to see what was happening. One by one these young kids from Stafford noticed him through the glass and you can almost hear their mistakes on the record as their playing went to pieces."

Two albums later Thomas produced the third Climax set in Oxford Circus as the carpenter clambered around him.

"AIR was great because it was part of this big family. It was incredibly exciting. It's hard to explain because it was a whole new aspect. It was a lot freer. I started working with John Punter who came from Decca with Bill Price. He wanted to produce and he encouraged me to put my hands on the board. We did a few Procol Harum

Thomas' experience with AIR continued long after he had left the company's employment. Six Roxy Music albums and as many of Elton John's, including the last one and the first and third Pretenders' albums are just part of a catalog that amounts to tens of millions sold. He also used Wessex Studios to produce the first Set Pistols album. George Martin quips that despite earning a lot more than 36 pounds for producing "The White Album," he probably hasn't earned as much as Chris Thomas!

"The training was brilliant," says Thomas. "Bill Price was very thorough. I can't imagine anyone better than Bill to teach an engineer. Geoff



Procol Harum

Emerick was there and there was this fantastic turnover of people like Steve Nyn and Jon Kelly, who started as tape ops. A good studio really does come down to the personnel and the standard of training. Some studios just don't have that depth. The main thing is not to gloss over any problems and be thorough. AIR was fantastic like that.

The new place is spectacular and I am looking forward to using it. AIR Lyndhurst is a big gamble when so much stuff comes out of samplers, but there is always going to be work for acoustic instruments, so in that way AIR Lyndhurst is reminiscent of what they did when they built it the first time. After all, it was a pretty bold move to do it then." ■

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One other thing that was great was that we used to stay in there. After the sessions finished, John would play the drums to get rid of his frustrations.

"At one point I was working on 'Grand Hotel' by Procol Harum and 'Darr's Side Of The Moon' at Abbey Road. I'd do so on to midnight at Abbey Road and go back to AIR and record overdubs with John and me playing. I used to go in on the train at Abbey Road the next day and out of force of habit get out at Oxford Circus by accident."

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AIR STUDIO EQUIPMENT LIST LYNDHURST HALL

Control room: 500 sq. ft.
Neve VRP Legend 72-channel, Flying Faders automation
Live area: 5,000 sq. ft. 50 ft. hit, two 500 sq. ft. isolation booths; two 50 sq. ft. isolation booths.
Accommodates more than 100 musicians; wired for outside broadcast and lighting; seating capacity, 600.
Pioneer Cube System video wall (5x4), 9 ft. Bosendorfer, with MIDI-Forte.

STUDIO 1

Control room: 600 sq. ft.
AIR customized 72-channel Rupert Neve/Focusrite console, with remote mic amps and GML moving fader automation.
Live area: 1,600 sq. ft. Moving wall isolation system; three guitar booths; one mobile booth.
Accommodates 60 musicians; 7 ft. 4 in. Bosendorfer with MIDI-Forte.

STUDIO 2

Control room: 500 sq. ft.
80 frame 72 fitted SSL SL8000G with Ultimatum moving fader automation.
Live area: 80 sq. ft.; overdub booth.

STUDIO 3

Control room: 500 sq. ft.
AMS Logic 2 digital desk, 48 strip (four layers). Eight output AMS AudioFile Spectra.
Live area: 80 sq. ft.; overdub booth.

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Control room: 300 sq. ft.
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LEADING THE WAY IN MUSIC, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Bhangra's Bubbling Under Toronto Radio And Dance

■ BY LARRY LeBLANC

TORONTO—With Apache Indians' Island debut album, "No Reservation," and single, "Arranged Marriage," catching fire here (Billboard, Feb. 20), attention is focused for the first time on the sales potential of Canadian Indian community.

With some 16,000 Asian-Indian in Canada—half of them in this city—hailing from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Africa, Fiji, and the Caribbean, it would seem a formidable, so far untapped, market for the major labels to consider opening. Sikh, at a third of the total, are the biggest group, followed by Hindus and Muslims, with pockets of Christians, Buddhists, Jains, and Zoroastrians.

"We're doing very well with the record with the pop market and we're still looking at the [Asian Indian] market with wariness," says Bill Ott, executive VP of marketing and sales at A&M/Island Records of Canada. "There's a phenomenon there and you can't ignore, how do you tap into it? For us, Apache Indian is a natural opening."

"A massive amount of kids here listen to bhangra radio shows and go to bhangra dances," says Faied Durrani, marketing manager at A&M/Island Canada. "It's an underground culture that is just mushrooming."

"We're not just looking another record aside Durrani. It's white kids who are going to buy this record and who are going to be exposed to the East Indian, West Indian, and the black communities. They're all into something in common. They'll all listen to the Apache Indian record and be able to respect the East Indian community for its music."

Berklee bhangramusic Apache Indian catching the attention of young Asian Indian here, such British groups as Bally Sagoo, Achannik, Parson, Cakes, Assad, D.C.S., Sals, and Bindi, who mix Asian and Afro-Caribbean music styles, have found support as well.

"The other direction that bhangra is coming to the Toronto community is from Trinidad," says Daniel Caudrean, president of the 66-member Cheer Music Pool. "Artists like Drupatee and Tejas, combining soca music with an Asian sound, have introduced ethno soca and we've seen the increase of that sound in the clubs. Also, Crazy, the Calypsonian, has done a number of times that have that Asian feeling."

With popular Asian-Indian culture in the city evolving around video stores selling the latest music, the radio is buying, steadily stream of Indian movie stars, singers, and dancers has been visiting Toronto since the late '80s and '90s, and that the most recent wave of Indian immigrants arrived. As a result, Hindi film music has had a strong following among Canadian-born Asian-Indian youth for years.

In the past year, the development of weekly shows on the ethnic station CHIN, and local college outlets such as CKLN, CHUT, and CHRY, all giving substantial support to bhangra, has led to a strong base of support here. In ad-

diction, such outlets as the MuchMusic national video network and the local CITY-TV's "Electric Circus," featuring Indian-born host Monika Dutt, have been instrumental in spreading the word. And certainly, there's no shortage of record retail shops in the Asian Indian community stocking the latest tapes from British-born artists.

All the Indian (record) shops here have the tapes," says B-Law, co-host of CHRY's "Bhangra Beats International" program. "They get them within a week of coming out in England."

"Not everything is available here," says Vinay Srivastava, who co-hosts the "Masala Mix" on CKLN with Anisha Haniya. "There are about 500 bands in Britain and we get about a quarter of them."

The most visible evidence of growing popularity of bhangra here is the recent rise of Friday-afternoon dances. In the past two years, first-generation adolescents whose formative years have been spent in urban Canada, caught between the traditions and expectations of their parents and modern Western culture, have been flocking to such clubs as the Spectrum, Superstars, and Mix for weekly afternoon shows. The dances attract anywhere from 400 to 1,500 teens per show.

The reason for the afternoon time in that Asian-Indian parents rarely allow their daughters to go out at night unless they are accompanied by a family member.

"At the dance you have East Indian kids who are trying to express themselves in a new world, they're all separate from the Indian tradition but very much a part of the Indian tradition," says DJ Chas Fernandes, one of the first in the city to mix the bhangra sound.

Describing the organization of such dances, Purn Gill, who with partner Parmal Singh promotes under the name Punjab Culture Slock, says, "You go from school to school, and to churches with fliers and when you see someone who's interested in going to a jam, you give them a flier. Once the word's out there, you should be pretty successful."

With Apache Indian starting to attract a pop audience, supporters of the Canadian Indian music scene are hoping the same audience or labels might notice local talent, including remixers DJ Sunshine, DJ Jitendra, and performers Precious P, Mystical Island, Kishor, Kishor, and Kishor, and Kishor Singh. "You can't believe the talent we have here," says Durrani. "We want to put together a Canadian bhangra festival and we'll sell it to Canada but to the rest of the world."

When A&M/Island executives first began discussing the marketing of Apache Indian and the potential of the Asian-Indian community here, they realized they didn't have the expertise to tap into the marketplace. Independently, they hired Gary Sussman, identified on board to research the market and to build up a database of key contacts within the community as well as radio stations with Indian specialty shows as well as worldwide and reggae.

■ HOWELL LLEWELLYN

MADRID—Virgin Retail has failed in its bid to take over a Madrid megastore site owned by Spain's pioneer record retailer, Discospan.

Virgin was in talks with Discospan as part of its search for a suitable Madrid location. It has been looking for a Madrid outlet ever since opening its successful Barcelona store last October.

But the talks fell apart amid disagreement over price and other unspecified matters. Discussions had been under way since January between Virgin's president in Spain, Italy, and

Portugal, Luis Urbano, and Emilio Cantl, Discospan's founder. Yet the bid to take over the city center site ended after three weeks. Says Urbano: "Our differences were too great."

Cantl pioneered modern record retailing in Madrid in the late '60s, and had built up a chain of outlets by the mid-'70s. The megastore, Madrid's largest, was opened in 1986. However, some 80% of Discospan's business comes from mail order, and Cantl concedes he wants to reorient the business and concentrate more on mail order.

"I found Virgin's attitude very strange and it was they who broke off negotiations," Cantl says.

Urbano says price was the main problem, but he did not elaborate. "The Discospan site would not have been perfect, not quite central enough, but it would have been quite acceptable," he added.

After the launch of Virgin Retail in Barcelona, where the store expects to gross 10 million pesetas (\$11 million) this year, Virgin wants to open sites in Seville, Valencia, and Bilbao, as well as Madrid, where Urbano still plans to have a site by Christmas. Smaller stores are planned for cities such as Zaragoza, Malaga, and Palma.

RATING MTV'S PROGRESS IN JAPAN

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on the air on an unremunerated basis 20 hours a day last Oct. 1 and began examining the signal and charging monthly slower fees from Dec. 1.

On Dec. 24, the station went over to locally produced programming, including five hours a day (counting repeats) clips introduced by MTV Japan's three bilingual VJs. Shows originating overseas are subtitled in Japanese. Music Channel is owned by Pioneer Electronic Corp., TDK Corp., and advertising firm Tokyo Agency.

"Programming is locally chosen," says Longobardi. "We're contacting all the major record stores and chains to get input, senders how effective an advertising medium the station can be. For example, we just put Larry Kravitz on heavy rotation because he's

popular here. We'll place in Japanese videos later. We'll make an event of it." He says MTV Japan hopes to eventually serve as a means for Japanese acts to gain exposure outside of Japan through other MTV affiliates.

The station is now looking for advertisers, which may prove difficult in the middle of a recession. Taisei Hirohara, Music Channel's marketing manager, says the station hopes to have its minutes of ads per hour, compared with the current one minute.

An official at a major Japanese ad agency says that while the MTV name is well-known among Japanese consumers, advertisers have effective advertising medium the station can be while it has only about 7,000 satellite viewers and 630,000 cable viewers in a country of 125 million people. "If the number of households with MTV increases to 1 million to 2 million, then sponsors will start making contracts with MTV," he says. Not surprisingly,

he expects firms attracted to the youth market to be catering to the idea of buying time on MTV.

Use problems in using satellite stations to cater to the youth market, however, is the high cost of the hardware involved. A dish and a tuner/demodulator together can cost between 150,000 yen (\$1,239) and 210,000 yen (and 1,521). Cable services are cheaper, but there are many parts of Japan, including outlying areas of major cities like Tokyo, where cable has yet to penetrate. And though it is cheaper, viewers still have to buy receiver units that cost between 70,000 and 90,000 yen (\$573-\$737) and pay monthly fees between 2,700 yen and 3,000 yen (\$22-\$25). Satellite viewers pay a monthly fee of 900 yen (\$7.57).

Another advertising industry source says big agencies like Dentsu and Hakuhodo may be willing to "experiment" with major clients' budgets by taking out ads on MTV Japan.

DUTCH SALES

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CD players; more than 60% of households have one or more players.

Yet in the second half of 1991, the CD decline had been marked, says Olaf Viar, head of marketing services at NVPI. "By then most Dutch consumers had replaced their favorite vinyl albums with CD. Most consumers are now more selective about what they buy. The record industry has to invent new marketing strategies to create new interest in CD albums."

Cassette sales have further declined, with only a 3.5% share of the total album market, down from last year's figure of 4.6%.

Says Viar, "The cassette has never received a significant economic impact on the Dutch market since about two years ago the Dutch consumer has been losing interest in analog cassettes."

The Dutch market, introduced in 1951, has also failed to make an impact, gaining a total of 3.5% of singles sales and 0.2% of the total market.

"When the cassette single was launched in the Dutch market in February 1991 there were high hopes about this carrier," says Viar. "But it has not proven its viability. That's because Holland has never been a cassette-loving country."

CD singles last year scored a small increase in value, holding their own in unit sales. The format holds 85% of the total singles market.

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"I love technical wizardry, and I am enormously excited at the potential that is available today. Our tools are so much more sophisticated these days, and of course they can make life easier. But we have to remember that they are just tools—nothing more—and true art, true music comes from the heart and soul of the human being."

George Martin, to the graduating seniors at Berklee College of Music, May, 1993

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Capricorn Boards Are U.S.-Bound Pacific Post Makes Room For New Neves

■ BY MARILYN A. GILLEN

NEW YORK—Travel is in the stars for Capricorn's new consoles.

The new Capricorn, which was introduced into the U.K. last year, will be moving into the States this spring after a decision by Pacific Ocean Post to purchase two of the new desks. The expanding Santa Monica, Calif., post-production facility thus becomes the first American buyer for the highly touted piece of recording technology.

"A commitment to digital technology is the cornerstone of the postproduction environment at Pacific Ocean Post," said Alan Kozlovski, president and CEO of Pacific Ocean Post, in announcing the deal. "Our initial aspiration about digital vapors" [technology that never evolves beyond the prototype stage] disappeared when we tested the Capricorn board ourselves at Abbey Road Studios in London.

"After hearing the original analog recording and the all-digital mix, the digital sound really opened up," Kozlovski added. "The mix gave a spatial presence to the news and an unmatched sense of quality even to the sidelines."

Interestingly, Pacific Ocean Post also is purchasing an AMS Logic I console, the world's only all-digital console and one that has not encountered a possible top-end competitor with the Capricorn. Both are Siemens products.

"There has been tremendous interest in the fact that Siemens acquires AMS, and we were heavily criticized in the press about the move," says Adrian Weidmann, director of marketing for Siemens, which also owns Neve. "The thinking was that one of these boards would not survive. So what I see as the very significant fact of this contract is that not only did Pacific Post take not just two Capricorn consoles, but in the same contract it also purchased an AMS Logic."

While acknowledging certain similarities, Weidmann says the consoles "are coming from different positions. Capricorn has come from the Neve's heritage, and so is uniquely suited for music recording. The AMS also brings a lot of heritage, and is uniquely suited for postproduction work. Of course, the nature of Pacific Ocean Post is perfectly suited for this purchase. It is, of course, a postproduction facility, but it also will have two very large sound-stages for music recording."

Currently under construction in Pacific Ocean Post's new 17,000-square-foot facility, adjacent to its video facility, are two main mixing/rehearsal suites that will house the Capricorns. A third mixing rehearsal suite will feature the Logic I.

"I see this as just a part of a trend in the industry of the merger of the two sides: sound and picture going hand in hand," Weidmann says. "We see Capricorn as not really pushing the envelope on this, but we see a new, definite market, for both product lines."

The Capricorn was unveiled last spring, and immediately created a great deal of interest for its contribu-

tion of digital automation and assignability features with analog familiarity in its work surfaces.

"One of the things that has plagued people working with digital is the interface," says Weidmann. "There are a number of companies that have tried desperately and I must say, failed miserably—to interface the digital console with the operator. There were attempts at having the boards be mouse-driven, but let's face it: Bruce Springsteen doesn't want to work on his next album sitting in front of a computer."

What the Capricorn successfully does, says Weidmann, is keep the heritage of a Neve console in terms of the interface.

That is, it is immediately familiar to

operators.

The other buzz has centered on Capricorn's ground-breaking implementation of the MADI (Multichannel Audio Digital Interface) protocol, which allows information to stay in the digital domain—via a single cable running between the multitrack and the console, rather than the traditional separate cables for each output and input.

"This alone is a very exciting development," says Weidmann. "Before, there had been a sea of cables around the board—it looked like an octopus. Now, there is just one, and there is no need to convert to analog and back."

Weidmann says the consoles cover a broad price spectrum: "They can go anywhere from \$300,000 to \$1 million."

Slow And Steady Wins The Race For Reynolds

■ BY GORDON ELY

RICHMOND, Va.—Allen Reynolds was in his early 30s when he tasted his first success in the music business, writing songs that landed him at the top of the '60s pop charts. Gradually turning his talent toward production, he began a slow and sometimes frustrating climb that three decades later finds him, through his association with Garth Brooks and other notable country artists, one of the most successful producers in the history of country music.

Reynolds, 54, was raised in Memphis, where he sang in a band with Dickey Lee, whose song "Patches" hit the pop top 10 in 1962. Lee originally had been signed to Sun Records in Memphis, and through that association Reynolds struck up a relationship with Sun's engineer, Jack Clement, whom he would go on to become a major force in country music in the '60s and '70s.

Reynolds' first success as a songwriter came in 1963 with Lee's No. 14 pop hit "I Saw Linda Yesterday," which he and Lee co-wrote. He landed a writer's deal with Screen Gems in Nashville and began producing independent projects in Memphis at night while working as a branch manager of a bank by day.

He wrote another major hit, for the Vogues, in 1968, "Five O'Clock World," a recent success on the country charts for Hal Ketchum, whom Reynolds co-produced. Surprisingly, the song's success was still not enough to spring Reynolds from his day job.

"I was really living 'Five O'Clock World,' and I thought it was gonna set me free, but, much to my disappointment, it didn't," he says. "It was on a small, independent label

and my royalty rate was not great. Plus, BMI in those days was paying overwrites to a lot of the major publishers and some of the more successful writers, but somebody who just had a hit new and then didn't make that much. The numbers just weren't there. I did better on Hal Ketchum's version. But it did let me know I had some talent as a songwriter."

Reynolds' first major-label outing as a producer came with Don Williams' debut album in 1972, and two years later he began what would become a nine-year gold and platinum association with Crystal Gayle. In 1976, he bought his mentor Clement's Nashville studio, Jack's Tracks, which remains his home base today.

In the mid-'80s, Reynolds teamed with Kathy Mattea, helping her find a creative and commercial focus, but it was only a warmup to the success that would come a few years later. Approached in 1989 about producing a new artist named Garth Brooks, Reynolds agreed to Capitol Records, which remains his home base today.

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The new Capricorn all-digital recording console has found its first U.S. buyer in Pacific Ocean Post, Santa Monica, Calif.

anyone else," says Reynolds. "When we got together we lived each other, and I could see he was very bright and very quick, and had a clear focus about who he was and what he wanted to do. We did a few trial sessions and cut four sides, all of which ended up on his first album. After that, there was no question about us continuing together."

Three years and 30 million units later, Reynolds says the way he makes records has changed surprisingly little. "I've always been able to do pretty much what I wanted to do, even when I had small budgets," he says. "That just forced me to be efficient and creative. I did my first album with Crystal Gayle in 1974 for \$15,000. Garth and I have never gone much over \$100,000 to this day, but we still do everything we want to do."

Reynolds and his engineer of eight years, Mark Miller, record on a Sony/MCI 24-track machine using a Quad 8 Coronado console with no noise reduction. While they mix digital, both men state a decided preference for analog multitrack. Taking a traditionalist's approach, Reynolds says he never samples live drum sounds with samples and uses ef-

fects, mostly reverb, with restraint.

Reynolds, who says the Sony CS-8000 has replaced virtually his entire storehouse of vocal mics, also has strong feelings on the technical aspects of recording vocals as well as techniques for getting standout performances from his artists.

"I never use the term 'scratch vocal,'" he states. "I want a real performance, with inspiration, every time. I don't ever want an artist thinking, 'I'll do the vocal later.' I don't like composite vocals either. There's no reason for that. A good singer can just stand up and let you hear it. Many of the vocals on my projects are first takes, cut live with the band. We might do a small repair or two afterward, but what I'm going for are those special moments when the band and the singer are just flying together. I can't imagine doing it otherwise."

Although Reynolds leans heavily on the Lexicon 480, he speaks almost reverentially of a natural reverb chamber he had built in a small house behind his studio, which he uses to some extent on every project he records, claiming he can get sounds not duplicable with digital units.

With more than 30 years in the music business, and his work with Brooks now carrying him and country music to heights once undreamed of, Reynolds is understandably past the fear of worrying about his next hit.

"I've been up and down, and some of what I consider to be my most successful work has remained on the shelf and never seen the light of day," he says. "I just give it my best and stick it in the vaults. Gadgets come and go, but things don't change as much as people think they do. I never look for an edge in technology. That has very little to do with making great records. Great ingredients make great records. My challenge is not to top myself. It's just to please myself, and I'm pretty hard on please."



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CATEGORY	HOT 100	R&B	COUNTRY	RAP	MODERN ROCK
TITLE Artist/ Producer (Label)	I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU Whitney Houston/ D. Foster (A&M)	NUTHIN' BUT A "G" THANG Dr. Dre/ Dr. Dre (Death Row)	WHAT PART OF NO Lorrie Morgan/ R. Morris (SNA)	INFORMER Snow/ M.C. Shin (East West)	THE DEVIL YOU KNOW Jesus Jones/ Wetmore (Lewins/SBK)
RECORDING STUDIO(S)	ARTISAN RECORDED/ HOT FACTORY/ DEVONSHIRE (Miami, N.Y., L.A.) Bill Scherrie Dave Rotzlas Peter J. Yamas	DEATH ROW (Los Angeles) Greg Royall	EMERALD (Nashville) Ed Truckner	BAYSIDE SOUND (Woodhams, NY) John Fierro	THINK (London, ENGLAND) Richard Norris
RECORDING CONSOLE(S)	SSL 4000 G Neve VR	SSL 4000E	SSL 4064 With Ultimotion	MC1 JH636	DDA AMR 24
MULTITRACK/ 2-TRACK RECORD(S) (Noise Reduction)	MC1 JH24/Sony 3341	Studer A200	Mitsubishi X-450	MC1 JH24	Otari MTR9011
STUDIO MONITOR(S)	Yamaha NS10	Yamaha NS10 GRL	Hidley/Kinoshita TAD Comp.	Yamaha NS10	Custom Quested/ Yamaha NS10
MASTER TAPES	Ampeg 459/467	Ampeg 456	Ampeg 467	Ampeg 456	Ampeg 456
MIXDOWN STUDIO(S) Engineer(s)	OCEANWAY (Los Angeles) Dave Rotzlas	LARRABEE (Los Angeles) Greg Royall	SOUNDSTOCK (Nashville) Greg Royall	BAYSIDE SOUND (New York) John Fierro	MASTER ROCK (London, ENGLAND) Mike "Spide" Dricks
CONSOLE(S)	Neve 8038	SSL 6000G	SSL 4000E	MC1 JH636	SSL 4000E
MULTITRACK/ 2-TRACK RECORD(S) (Noise Reduction)	Sony 75 ES DAT	Studer A827	Mitsubishi X-450	Sony PCM2300	Studer A100
STUDIO MONITOR(S)	Mastering Lib Yamaha NS10	Yamaha NS10 GRL	Hidley/Kinoshita	Yamaha NS10	Yamaha NS10
MASTER TAPES	3M DAT	Ampeg 456	Ampeg 467	Sony DAT	Sony 1610 DAT
MASTERING (ALBUM) Engineer	STERLING SOUND George Marino	BERNIE GRUNDMAN Bernie Grundman	GEORGETOWN MASTERS Denny Purcell	MASTERCISK Tony Dorsey	TOWNHOUSE Ian Cooper
PRIMARY CD REPLICATOR (ALBUM)	EMI	WEA Manufacturing	JVC	WEA Manufacturing	Capitol Manufacturing
PRIMARY TAPE DUPLICATION (ALBUM)	HTM/Sonopress	WEA Manufacturing	Sonopress	WEA Manufacturing	Capitol Manufacturing

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AUDIO TRACK

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GIANT RECORDING had Queen Latifah in the Solid State Logic room working on her new Tommy Boy album. Pat Dillett engineered, using the studio's Tannoy DMT 235 speakers powered by individual Bryston 7b power amps. Danny Tenaglia was in remixing the New Order song "The Prius Of Love." Doug DeAngelis engineered, with Steve Neat assisting. Ter-

ence Winch was in producing the music of several American Indian tribes for release as a "Boond-sound" combination book and CD through the Smithsonian Museum American Indian division. Michel Szwed engineered.

Sear Sound had John Angello in engineering tracks by Holly-Faith for Epic. Roger Rhodes engineered tracks by bassist Eli Nakayama for Japanese label Jive Records. Peter Madson is featured on piano, Dick

Outta on sax, and Elliot Zigmund on drums. Michael MacDonald recorded Dakota Station for Muse Records. Houston Person produced.

Spa Studio had producer/engineer William Garrett in tracking Hell's Kitchen NYC. Tony Olavarría assisted.

River Sound had Donald Fagen in recording for Warner Bros. with producer Walter Becker. Roger Nichols engineered, assisted by David Michael Dill and Jay Ryan. The studio features a Neve 8078, Sony 3348 tape

machine, and Meyer HD1 monitors. Blues Traveler was in with producers Steve Thompson and Mike Barbiero to mix tracks for the group's J&M release. Thompson and Barbiero engineered, assisted by Ryan. Joe Lanza mixed self-produced tracks for Blue Note Records. James Farber engineered.

LOS ANGELES

K.D. LANG WAS IN Saylor Recording mixing tracks for her upcoming

ing MTV "Unplugged" and VH1 "Centerstage" concert releases. Ben Mink produced, with Marc Rameau at the board. Chris Parham and Mads Blomberg assisted. Benny Mardones was in mixing tracks for his new Cub song. Michael Lloyd produced, with George Tattilo at the board. Blomberg assisted. Rapper D.J. Qalk was in producing a track for Def Jam set Boss. Louie Teran engineered.

Sound City Studio had Tom Petty in tracking new material with producer Rich Rubin. Dave Bianco and Jim Seest were at the board. Joe Barresi and Jeff Sheehan assisted. Producer George Drakoulas was in with artist Maria McKee recording a track for a benefit album for Victoria Williams. The project is slated for release on Thirty Days. Martin Schenkele engineered, assisted by Joe Barresi. Capitol/Revolution act Superslut put down new material with producer/engineer Doug Olson. Billy Bowers assisted.

Screams had Michael Wagener in with EMI London set Holloween to mix the band's upcoming release. Wagener used the facility's Sony 48-track, and was assisted by Craig Doubet. Mutt Wallace mixed tracks by Scary-mother on the studio's two Mitsubishi 32-track machines. Doubet assisted on the Australian Mushroom Records project. Ozzy Osbourne was in with Wagener to edit and sequence his upcoming live album on the DD-1000 Optical Disc system. Doubet assisted.

NASHVILLE

PRODUCERS JIM COTTON and Joe Scalfie were in the Music Mill tracking Billy Ray Cyrus' new album for Mercury. Graehame Smith, Todd Culross, and Butch Cray were at the board. Bud Logan and Harold Doubet produced mixes on Jeff Knight's upcoming Mercury album with engineers Pete Greene and Smith. Barry Beckert produced overdub sessions on Atlantic's Confederate Railroad with engineers Greene, David Hall, and Culross.

Mike Lloyd produced tracks for Paul Hale's debut K-tel Country album at LSI. Mike Daniel and Lloyd were at the board.

OTHER CITIES

CRITERIA IN MIAMI HAD Nicky Taylor in working on her contribution to Jimmy Buffett's upcoming release, "Margaretville Cafe," for MCA. The project is to feature cuts provided by members of Buffett's Coral Reefer Band. Taylor produced, with Ted Stein at the board. Keith Rose and Andrew Rosshberg assisted. Spanish vocalist Rocio Jurado learned with José Luis Rodríguez (El Puma) for a duet on her upcoming Sony Music International release. The 32-track digital sessions were directed by producers Jose Luis De Carlo and Beyro Selvati. Mike Courzi engineered, assisted by Mark Krieger.

Palm Misher Meroy was in Bear-tracks, Suffern, N.Y., recording tracks with producer David Prater. Doug Oberkrieger engineered. Stephen Regina assisted at the SSL 4000E. Sympy Gryn was in with producer Jay Beckenstein recording an album for GRP. Larry P. Swiat engineered, assisted by Regina.

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FEBRUARY

Feb. 27, "Hot to Market Year Record," workshop presented by The Black Rock Coalition, City College, New York, 212-713-5057

Feb. 27-28, **Rhythm & Blues Vocal Group History Workshop**, presented by The Pioneer Music & Blues Group Performance Society, Symphony Space Performing Arts Center, New York, 212-470-8442

Feb. 28, **Fifth Annual Tenika Reggae Awards**, Town Hall, New York, Clinton Library, 212-533-5329

Feb. 28-March 1, **Disc Jockey Zane**, reception of night, sound, and music-related products, The Center of New Hampshire, Manchester, N.H. 603-231-7958.

MARCH

March 1, **"Lobbying Against Child Out Sell Off"**, panel presented by The New York chapter of NARAS, Los Angeles, New York, 212-245-5443

March 1-2, **"Reaching The Hip-Hop Generation"**, symposium featuring Child & Ice Cube, presented by Metropolitan Educational Institute, Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, New York, 800-345-6277

March 3-5, **19th Annual Winter Music Conference & Bi/National Expo**, Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Spa, Miami Beach, Fla. 305-563-4444

March 3, **Ninth Annual Music Radio Conference**, presented by the N.A. Radio Academy, The Gateway, London, 011-44-71-323-3637

March 3-5, **29th Annual Country Radio Seminar**, presented by Country Radio Broadcasters Inc., Opryland Hotel & Convention Center, Nashville, 615-327-4487

March 4, **Ninth Songwriter Showcase**, presented by the Songwriters' Hall of Fame and the National Academy of Popular Music, Lone Star Room, New York, New York, 212-319-1444

March 5-7, **Fifth International Live Music Conference**, SAS Partners Hotel, London, Rod Hollingsworth, 011-44-71-309-3003

March 6, **16th Annual Bay Area Music Awards (BAMMEX)**, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, John Glavin, 415-864-2333

March 6, **"Protecting For A Living: Recording Techniques, Tips & Strategies" and "Marketing Your Music"**, two half-day seminars presented by Revenue Productions, Rossmore Hall, New York, 212-582-3504

March 6-8, **Chicago R&B Showcase**, Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago, Dorville Burnett, 312-747-4826

March 6-8, **25th Annual NAMM Convention**, Miami's Orlando World Center, Orlando, Fla. 605-555-2221

March 8, **American Latin Music Association (ALMA) Latin Music Showcase**, Miami's Orlando World Center, Orlando, Fla. Bill Welby, 212-319-1444

March 9, **Seventh Annual Soul Train Awards**, Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, 310-586-8232

Gaylord's Grand Ole Year CMT, TNN Lead Company Boom

by DON JEFFREY

NEW YORK—The country music boom has benefited Gaylord Entertainment Co., operator of such Nashville institutions as the Grand Ole Opry and Country Music Television.

In its first full year as a publicly owned company, Gaylord has posted double-digit increases in cash flow and profits. For 1993, the company's net profit soared to \$20.4 million from \$12.7 million the year before. Total revenues rose 7.1% to \$64.6 million from \$60.09 million.

"We'd like to think we're at least part of the reason for the proliferation of country music," says Russ Worsham, assistant treasurer of Nashville-based Gaylord. Of Gaylord's four operating divisions, the biggest sales growth came from cable networks. Revenues from Country Music Television, The Nashville Network, and CMT Europe rose 30.1% in 1992 to \$176 million.

"TNN and CMT are the only national mediums for exposure of the videos and music of country artists," says Worsham. "A guy like Billy Ray Cyrus can get on CMT and then sell 7 million records."

According to the company, advertising revenues rose 30.2% for TNN and 87.5% for CMT. CMT

Europe is a startup operation in the U.K. and so its costs exceeded its revenues.

Gaylord's entertainment division posted the highest revenue last year: \$20.4 million, up 4.8% from the previous year. The unit includes the Grand Ole Opry, the Opryland Hotel, and several theme parks.

The company's broadcasting division had the biggest improvement in operating cash flow, rising 34.6% to \$12.6 million. The company owns four TV stations and three radio stations, including an A.M./F.M. combo in Nashville.

Gaylord's smallest division in sales is cable systems. Growth was sluggish—revenues went up only 3.7% to \$79.7 million—because most of the business is in the Los Angeles-Riverside market, which has been hit hard by unemployment and recession.

In the fourth quarter, which ended Dec. 31, Gaylord's net profit rose 197% to \$8.8 million from \$2.9 million in the same period the year before. Revenues increased 11.5% to \$18.9 million from \$16.9 million. An important reason for the huge rise in quarterly profit was a significant reduction in interest expense.

The company's stock closed at \$39.75 per share on the New York Stock Exchange at press time.

March 10-14, **23rd Annual FIMA Seminar**, Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, Henry Birt, 212-943-0520

March 11, **National Assn. of Black-Owned Broadcasters (NABOB)**, Communications Award Dinner, Shattuck Washington Hotel, Washington, DC 202-463-8970

March 11-13, **Western Conference of College Broadcasters**, San Jose State Univ., San Jose, Calif. 408-922-2225

March 12, **Tajano Music Awards**, San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas 512-371-4568

March 13, **"Get To Know The Music Business"**, workshop presented by Hangerford Street Music, The Manned Theater, Philadelphia, 800-827-3634

March 13, **"Copyright And Publishing De-mystified"** and **"Legal Aspects Of The Music Industry To Plain English"**, two half-day seminars presented by Revenue Productions, Rossmore Hall, New York, 212-582-3504

March 15, **"All That's New And Fit To Print"**, publishing forum presented by the Association of Music Publishers, Lone Star Room, New York, 212-319-1753

March 16-18, **Audio Engineering Society Convention**, location to be announced, Berlin 212-661-8528

March 17-19, **Image World—The Government's Festival Video Expo and the CAMPS Show**, presented by Knowledge Publications, Sheraton Washington, Washington, DC 914-328-5571

March 17-21, **South by Southwest Music and Media Conference**, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas 512-467-7519

March 17-19, **Coastal Cities in the Entertainment Industry**, presented by the Practice Law Institute, PLI Training Center, New York 212-765-5710

March 18-21, **Fourth Annual Rap & R&B Conference**, Rowland Inn, Washington, DC 202-725-0205

March 18, **The First Billboard Radio Awards**, Puck Building, New York, 212-336-5039



Welcome To McDonaldland. Mary Muehler, senior director of marketing at Kid Rhino, right, shakes hands with Pete Hensler, manager of national marketing for McDonald's Corp. See their accounts of the companies' new licensing agreement. Kid Rhino, the children's division of Rhino Records, will produce and market recordings featuring Ronald McDonald and other McDonald's characters.

LIFELINES

BIRTHS

Boy, William Garrett Ulmbeck Dunn, to Chris Dunn and Tina Ulmbeck, Jan. 18 in New York. He is GM of the Dreamshire division of Zomba Recording Corp. She is a former employee of Sterling Sound mastering studios, N.Y., and Chicago Recording Co.

Boy, Nicholas James, to Brian and Laura Brinkerhoff, Jan. 21 in Los Angeles. He is co-founder of Vix-A-Vid Entertainment, a management and publishing firm that handles EastWest

Records art for Love Not Lina and Indivision Records set Ether.

Girl, Emma Juliette, to Robbie Wolter and Marilyn Lash, Jan. 29 in New York. They are executive directors of the National Music Awards, co-directors of the New York, L.A., and Chicago Music Awards, and owners of the music club Gerles Folk City and Folk City Enterprises.

Girl, Summer Elizabeth, to Tony and Christy Benson, Feb. 7 in Shelby, N.C. He is an area manager for Central Sound Music Sales in Nashville.

Girl, Erica Michele, to Al and Debbie Galante-Block, Feb. 8 in New York. She is a free-lance music writer whose work has appeared in Billboard.

Boy, Christopher Joseph, to Joe McEwen and Mary Ellen Calcutt, Feb. 11 in Montclair, N.J. He is VP of A&R for Sire Records. She is VP of publicity for Kemos Records.

MARRIAGES

Stephen Irl Johnson to Lynn Pinckett, Feb. 15 in Gwynedd, Pa. He is the owner/operator of Masters By Johnson, a radio production company in Nantert, Pa.

DEATHS

Fred Hoefler, 49, of a heart attack, Feb. 14 in Franklin Square, N.Y. Hoefler was director of purchasing for KOCH International, the Westbury, N.Y.-based CD distributor. He was previously employed by Gremm News, a New York-based CD distributor no longer in existence. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, and three daughters.

GOOD WORKS

RESPIRE FROM CONCERN: Singerspire Jon Bon Jovi will help mentally retarded children and their parents get musical entertainment throughout his concert tour of North America this winter. By special arrangement with local promoters, he'll donate tickets to each of the band's shows to regional Special Olympics chapters. The artist and his group have a relationship with the organization that dates back to the first "A Very Special Christmas" benefit album in 1987. Special Olympics sponsors and creates athletic events for mentally retarded children and adults throughout the world.

SONG OF UNITY: Hollywood-based vocational school Southern Institute has organized a songwriting contest, "Help Heal L.A. . . Through Music," designed to come up with material that is "uplifting and inspires a sense of unification" among people. The contest, in response to last year's riots in Los Angeles, will award prize money to the winner about \$30,000, with the first-place winner to receive \$10,000 in cash, a \$7,500 scholarship to M.I., and musical instruments. For more info on the

contest, which is accepting submissions until April 26, call 213-563-1384.

A SALUTE FOR CHARITY: The Betty Clooney Foundation for Persons with Brain Injury is the beneficiary of a concert to be held April 20 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in L.A. It is the eighth annual Singers Salute To The Songwriter, this year saluting Irving Berlin, Leslie Bricusse, Edward Ellice, and Neil Sedaka. The concert is hosted by Rosemary Clooney, whose sister died of a brain aneurysm in 1976. For more info and ticket info, call Marilyn Fishman at 813-955-7069.

MUSICIANS HELPING MUSIC: The Musicians' Assistance Program, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping musicians and their families suffering from drug and alcohol problems, will stage a fund-raising benefit April 6 at the Cafe Largo in Los Angeles. Headlining the showcase will be Dr. John and his band, and jazz trumpeter/producer/median Jack Sheldon, and saxist Branford Marsalis. For more info, call Gary Stromberg at 310-657-2211.

FOR THE RECORD

The turnover of Dutch chain Van Lent is \$13.6 million and net \$60 million as reported in the Feb. 13 issue of Billboard.



DEEP BLUES AND ALTERNATIVE IGUANAS ORLANDO: IN THE SHADOW OF "TOURIST WORLD," REAL MUSIC BREAKS THROUGH

BY PARRY GETTELMAN

ORLANDO—Over the years, Central Florida has been the early stomping ground for several prominent figures in American popular music. Country-rock pioneer Gram Parsons grew up in Winter Haven, where his mother's prominent family were wealthy citrus growers. The Allman Brothers got their start playing beach here in their town, Daytona Beach, and up and down Florida's Atlantic coast. One former Cocoa Beach resident recalls seeing them before Duane Allman became a slide-guitar god. The band wasn't very good and only played covers, but admission was just 50 cents. Everyone carped when the price went up to a dollar after the band released an album.

Early in his career, Ray Charles, who attended a school for the blind in St. Augustine, was a regular attraction in Orlando's black nightclubs. Gainesville, where Tim Petty and the Heartbreakers got their start as a bar band called Mudcrutch, is still a hotbed of Petty fandom. Local businesses and fraternity

houses sprout "Welcome Home" signs whenever Petty plays the O'Connell Center on the University of Florida campus. Apopka, a suburb of Orlando, is the hometown of country star John Anderson, and country star (and former football star) Mike Reid used to play in a piano bar in Winter Park.

Of course, all the above had to leave Florida to make their fame and fortune. These days, it's still difficult for bands and artists to establish themselves while based in Orlando and other central Florida cities. In fact, a number of rockers from several favorite local bands recently deceased for San Francisco. Culturally, sunny Orlando lies somewhat

in the shadow of what locals have dubbed "Tourist World," the area to the south dominated by Disney World, Universal Studios and myriad other attractions.

Orlando's music scene is both helped and hindered by the city's dominant industry. Many superb musicians—particularly jazz artists—come to Orlando to play at



NIGHT-BURNIN' BLUES: The Midnight Creepers

trousment parks and other attractions. Some nationally prominent musicians, including jazz trumpeter Nat Adderley (a Florida native), jazz saxophonist Sam Rivers, jazz drummer Panama Francis, folkie Arlo Guthrie, rocker Pat Travers, rock 'n' roll pioneer Bo Diddley, Foghat's Lonesome Dave and members of Molly Hatchet have chosen to base themselves in the area. The list of those who have retired here include singer Mike Smith of the Dave Clark Five and drummer Mike Gibbins of Badfinger.

But because so many businesses are geared toward the lucrative tourist trade, and the local food and beverage industry is dominated by national chains, cover bands prosper while fine original groups struggle to find a place to play. In addition, Orlando, like Disney, is family-oriented, and the city tends to encourage family-appeal entertainment rather than a vibrant nightlife. Nighttime and weekend street parking near the clubs on Orange Avenue has been reduced in recent years, for instance, and late-night fans had to band together to fight city officials who proposed closing all clubs at 2 a.m. (Currently, several downtown clubs remain open into the wee hours, serving non-alcoholic beverages.)

The blues are extremely popular in Central Florida, and the best local blues bands find enough gigs to survive. The original rock scene has a more difficult time finding a foothold, since Orlando is not a college town. It does have several two- and four-year colleges, but the largest, the University of Central

Florida, is a commuter campus. Orlando also has a poor history of supporting serious jazz, as opposed to the cocktail jazz heard in local lounges.

Despite everything, local musicians manage to find an audience, and the scene continues to build. It may not have the depth or history of music scenes in other cities, but many artists and acts here are as fine as any in the country.

One of Orlando's greatest treasures is the husband-and-wife team of Jane Stone and Evelyn McGee Stone. Jesse Stone, 91, has played a prominent role in music history. In addition to writing such rock 'n' roll classics as "Shake, Rattle & Roll," "Money Honey" and "Your Cash Ain't Nothin' But Trash" and the big-band standard "Idaho," the Rhythm & Blues Hall of Famer helped found and establish Atlantic Records. Evelyn McGee Stone, 70, was a featured singer in the all-female International Sweethearts of Rhythm. With a sweet, tender voice and elegant phrasing that recalls Billie Holiday, McGee Stone continues to perform select club and private dates, accompanied by her husband on piano and sometimes a small combo. She currently is working on a follow-up to "It's My Time," the 1968 album released on the Stones' own Bee Coe label and later picked up for distribution by Atlantic Records.

DeLand, Fla., native Noble "Thin Man" Watts started out in jazz, playing tenor sax in the famed Florida A&M band, which included Cannonball Adderley and his brother Nat. Watts went on to work in Paul Williams' and Lionel Hampton's bands, before scoring R&B hits such as "Jockin'" and "Hard Times (The Slop)." In his later years, Watts discovered the blues. He has played a



NOT THE LIZARD KING: Melbourne's Screaming Iguanas Of Love rock 'n' pop

variety of international blues festivals and has received national acclaim for his albums on Atlanta-based Ichiban records. Watts has reunited with old pal Nat Adderley in the studio, on "Noble And Nat," and on stage, in several appearances at Seminole County Community College. Watts' trademark full-till, honking style can be heard on his latest Ichiban Records album, released in February.

The Midnight Creepers are one of the best-kept secrets in the blues. The band boasts two fine singers—gritty-voiced harp player Mike Galoway and honey-voiced drummer Ronnie Bird. Bob Greenlee's band, a founding member of cult heroes Root Boy Slim and the Sex Change Band, lays down the funky basslines, and nitro-burning slide guitarist Warren King is one of the blues' unrung heroes. The group's members have worked on many Ichiban and Alligator Records projects at Greenlee's King Snake Studios in Sanford, just north of Orlando. The Midnight Creepers' long-awaited second

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HIGH MILEAGE: Soul man Floyd Miles



King Snake Studios, Lake Drive, Sanford, 407-323-6787: 24-track, Sound Workshop console, Hammond B-3 organ. Known for its laid-back ebm, King Snake has recorded such prominent blues acts as Kenny Neal, Lucky Peterson, Lucy Lester and Abe Taylor.

Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts/Platinum Post Productions, 3300 University Blvd., Winter Park, 407-678-6353: Neve VR60 series flying fader automation, three Synklevier systems, direct-to-disc and Post Pro 48-plus track capability. Opus from Lexicon digital workstation, CMS edit sweep video, Montage film editor, 48-track mobile recording studio. Under its Full Sail moniker, this state-of-the-art studio is used for teaching purposes. As Platinum Post Productions, it has recorded for the Micky Mouse Club show, Reggae Sunsplash in Jamaica, Lisa Minelli and part of the soundtrack for Barry Levinson's film "Wilder Naples," which was shot in Sanford.

Pure Studios, 5104 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, 407-292-0021: Studer 24-track, outboard gear.



BORN UNDER A GOGO SIGN, Lucky Peterson

The studio has recorded Molly Hatchett, Quiet Riot and Otis Redding.

Signature Sound Inc., 3473 Parkway Centre Court, Orlando, 407-291-6045: 24-track, digital mix, MIDI workstation. This studio has recorded Turbo B, Skorpion and many local bands. It's done live mixes for radio and television of such acts as Juice Newton and Charlie Daniels.

Gettings Productions, 275 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ocoee, 407-656-8889: 24-track analog, 16-track digital, Synklevier, mixed picture capability synchronization, on-line Tomer video editing system, Flying Faders automation. The studio has recorded the Pointer Sisters, the Florida Symphony and numerous gospel groups. It's also done tracks for the Miss Florida Pageant and a lot of work for Walt Disney World.

YRS Multimedia, 162 Oxford Road, Fern Park, 407-331-4588: 24-track console, 12 tracks of Adam digital, extensive MIDI capability. The studio has recorded Basia Prol and DJ Kid Fury and recently has worked with gospel star Dorian Brooks. ■



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Bestsellers Sold On Expansion Toronto Chain Eyes N.Y. As First U.S. Depot

■ BY SARI BOTTION

NEW YORK—Imagine a multimedia entertainment retail store that stocks not only the 40 top-selling titles each in music, videos, books, books on tape, and magazines. That concept is likely to become an American reality some time this summer, when Bestsellers, a Canadian retail chain that prides itself on carrying a narrow assortment of only top-selling merchandise and generating volume of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per square foot, plans to open its first U.S. doors in Manhattan.

"This is such an American idea," says Brian Melnick, who founded the 10-unit chain in Toronto in 1990 and who previously was the owner of the 147-unit Classic Bookshops. "It's fast, convenient, and easily accessible."

While Melnick created the Bestsellers concept, he has chosen to grow by selling franchising rights. The Bestsellers concept is like a hybrid retailer, which competes with other merchants in a variety of retailing segments including bookstores, music stores, video stores, and newsstands. Its assortment breaks down to about 60% books, 15%-20% music, 10% video, the books, 25-30% books on tape, and 25-30% magazines, depending on the location. But unlike other retailers, Bestsellers stores stock an average of only 450 titles across the board, comprising the top 20 to 40 best sellers in each category.

According to Melnick, the chain's 10 stores—all in Toronto—each bring in about \$1,500 per square foot in American dollars, and the merchandise turns about 15 times a year. Bestsellers' slogan reads "Popular By Demand," and the chain is dedicated to the concept of easy selection, fast self-service, and competitive values for the consumer, he says. "Customers don't have to wait long in our stores," says Melnick, noting target customers are women aged 25 to 40 who have careers and/or children, and little time to shop. "We offer them up-to-date merchandise and a good deal, too, because we're competitively priced," he says. "We also have a frequent-buyer program, in which they receive a 10% discount after they've purchased 10 items. That helps develop loyalty."

The assortment in each Bestsellers 400- to 600-square-foot location is tailored to the tastes of its particular clientele, by its clientele. "Our customers in each store tell us what's popular with their buying patterns, which is what we mean by 'Popular By Demand.'"

Through quick-response electronic inventory control and reordering, the stores easily maintain appropriate assortments.

In negotiating to the U.S., Bestsellers has chosen to sell New York territorial franchise rights to Chris Forbes, who was previously managing director of the New York office of Toronto Dominion Securities U.S.A. Inc. The company is involved in negotiations to sell franchises to someone in California and someone in Florida, Melnick reports.

Melnick says he has decided to grow through franchising because "when I owned Classic Bookshops, I had 150 stores, 1,000 employees, and three unions to deal with. I didn't want to do that twice again."

For a \$200,000 fee and an ongoing 5% of sales royalty, franchisees buy into a system of merchandising, with Melnick's operation offering them a location, designing a store, building the store, and then stocking it with appropriate merchandise.

"I was walking through the Eaton Center mall one day, and I came across the Bestsellers flagship store," explains Forbes. "I was bowled over by it. In my securities business I had had limited involvement with retail businesses, and I thought this was an incredibly unique idea." Forbes plans to have two stores open by the fall.

Melnick says he will be closely involved with the New York launch to insure its success. He says Melnick's background in marketing and retailing will be complemented nicely by Forbes' background in systems. Also, Forbes plans to hire people who have retail experience.

"Columbus, Ohio, is usually the testing ground as a company chooses in the United States because it has the most general demographics," Melnick notes. "But we thought New York would be a better place for exposure, visibility, excitement, and challenge."

Melnick would not disclose the proposed site of what is to be the first

Bestsellers south of the Canadian border. But he confirms that a bid has been placed on a location in a shopping area within a high-traffic transit artery in New York City, right next door to one of its competitors in the book category, Barnes & Noble.

The company has been working with the Greenberg Group, a New York real estate firm, to find the optimum space for this store and a second one, also in an undisclosed venue, which is slated to open in the fall. Melnick projected the company would open a total of 30 locations across the U.S. in the next three years.

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Winning Ticket. Duff Riggs, store manager of Sound Warehouse No. 18 in Houston, wins a trip to the Super Bowl in the Lip Service/Goff Records Football Contest. Out of thousands of entries, Riggs picked the most winners over a four-month period during the football season. Pictured, from left, are Macey Lipman, Macey Lipman Marketing, Cherie Charles, special orders buyer, Sound Warehouse No. 18; Riggs, Iris Grubman, national director of single sales, Gaffin Records; and Donnie Coleman, VP, Macey Lipman Marketing.

MUZE No Rush For Indies, Chains

■ BY ED CHRISTMAN

NEW YORK—In separate moves to broaden its appeal to both music chains and independent retailers, MUZE Inc., the company that offers a \$4,000-album computerized database, has upgraded its system and cut a leasing deal with IBM that will make MUZE more economically viable for merchants.

The MUZE database, which lists albums and the songs on them, allows users to look up information in a variety of ways, including song title and artist. In its latest improvement, the MUZE system can now be integrated with a store's point-of-sale system, according to Paul Zullo, a principal in the company. The feature, which Zullo calls "check-stock," gives a store employee the ability to check whether a desired album is available at the store, or at the chain's distribution center, or at other outlets of the chain.

From the independent retailer's point of view, a store clerk can check the album against the store's inventory and, if necessary, check the album against a one-stop's inventory. If the album is not available at the store level, MUZE facilitates a special order by providing for data entry onto a printed order form or into the system itself.

Currently, Brooklyn, N.Y.-based MUZE has its database in about 135 systems back-ordered. In total, 22 of the top 25 chains are now in various stages of evaluating MUZE, including Tower Records, The Musicland Group, Trans World Music Corp., Camelot Music, Warehouse Entertainment, Super Club Music Corp. and Hastings Books, Music & Video, according to Zullo. By the end of the year, Zullo projects, the company will have orders for 1,500 machines.

In total, hardware for the MUZE system comes out to about \$5,500-\$6,000, while the software updates, which are done on a monthly basis, cost \$1,000 a year, with about \$150 in shipping charges, making the total software cost less than \$100 a month, says Zullo.

Trevor Husky, also a principal in MUZE, says the deal the company just cut with IBM will aid that growth. "We signed a deal with IBM, which will give us competitive pricing," he says. "It allows retailers to lease the equipment from IBM, and approval only takes 48 hours." Generally, IBM equipment costs more than clones but this deal makes them the company's hardware, competitively priced. The deal also allows merchants to take advantage of 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week service, he

says.

The most important aspect of the deal, according to Husky, is leasing, which translates into credit, because when the lease is over the merchant gets to keep the hardware.

MUZE Inc. is majority-owned by Metromedia Partners, which owns the giant media conglomerate Metromedia. The IBM deal, along with the backing of Metromedia and other allies, insures MUZE will be able to update its system as technological innovations occur, Zullo says.

In addition to information on artists, albums, and songs, the database provides such information as excerpts from reviews. The company also has created a screen that allows the chain to recommend albums. In other enhancements, MUZE has introduced a sampling capability, on a limited basis, to its machines. "We are starting out with a small number of tracks, say 50 songs in their entirety," Zullo says. "We don't want to put too much, but if the store wants to sample 500 songs it is an easy matter for us to do that." In general, MUZE is trying to give retailers as many options as possible, allowing them to differentiate the machines in their store from those in outlets of other chains. "We can differentiate by colors, looks, and logos, he says. "We have designed a number

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I-Stations Put Customers In Touch

After more than two years of planning, Josh Kaplan's vision of transforming the way people shop for music is finally being put to the test. Kaplan's company, San Francisco-based Intouch, has placed its I-station in three Warehouse Entertainment outlets in San Diego, in three Street-side outlets in St. Louis, and, most recently, in Tower Records' downtown New York store, where Retail Track finally had a chance to see the made sampling machines in action.

Judging by the beehive of activity surrounding the I-stations in Tower on a Monday night between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., shoppers want to sample music before buying. One young woman, who had almost the entire Depeche Mode catalog in hand, said she owned one album by the band and wanted to buy another and was using the I-station to determine which one she should purchase. She was just one of 10,000 people who signed up that week, giving her vital demographics to get an I-card. The card allows shoppers to access song samples from 32,000 albums at the I-station. In addition to New York, Intouch collected information on 40,000 shoppers in St. Louis and San Diego. Intouch's VP of market development.

That information, when integrated with which albums are being played, could eventually give new meaning to the term "micro-marketing."

RETAIL TRACK

by Ed Christman

But before that can happen, observers say, the I-station must pass one test: Is it economically feasible? Kaplan argues that as more chains test the I-station—and HMV appears to be close to trying it—he will be able to prove it boosts sales more than enough to warrant labels paying to have their albums in the I-station database. Some labels apparently already believe, according to Intouch's VP of market development, that they will be able to prove it.

RUMOR OF THE WEEK: The bot-

Promo Essays L.A. Culture

■ BY EARL PAIGE

LOS ANGELES—Combo chain music store has been in the making for a while now. The store of its own business with a promotion built around a high school essay contest.

At the same time, according to Jim Roppo, chairwoman promotions coordinator, the 81-store, Los Angeles-based subsidiary of Blockbuster Entertainment is strengthening its relationships with the communities it serves.

In conjunction with WEA's National Black History Month campaign, the regional essay promotion is asking students to "describe how music has enriched your life and how you would use music to bridge the cultural differences in Southern California."

According to Roppo, who enlisted WEA staffer Tyrone Metcalfe in coming up with the essay theme, this is not the first time the chain has "shown we are culturally sensitive" about relationships among the area's diverse populations.

Even before the L.A. riots last April, proceeds from the video rentals of "Boyz n the Hood" funded the purchase of seven computers donated to the Central Juvenile Hall, says Roppo. A similar promotion for the movie "American Me" found the chain in-

test rumor making the rounds in the last few weeks had it right—the giant Troy, Mich.-based discounting chain which, via acquisitions, has been expanding into specialty retailing—buying the 100,000-copy, 100-page World Music Book. But Trane World Music Book, CEO, and president Bob Higgins says the rumor is completely untrue. K. Mart's spokesman didn't return calls.

ON THE MOVE: Mike Masuka, Gefen's Northeast regional sales manager, has been promoted to general sales manager for the label. ... Bill Follett, formerly PGD's L.A. branch manager, is seeking opportunities. He can be reached at 310-300-5653. ... After a short stint with Nasrune, John Grady, who is now taking Track's calls, has joined Mercury Nashville as national director of sales.

volved with activist artist Edward James Olmos and the Community Youth Gang Services.

Has been a great deal in this promotion is to help supplement the music education effort, which has been severely cut in terms of budget slashes during more than a decade, "Roppo says."

"After all, music is the lifeblood of our business and we must continue developing musicians," says Roppo, who describes excitement from the co-sponsors for the project. These entities include urban KJLH-FM Los Angeles, Guitar Center, and instrument maker Kawai. In addition, the organization Rebuild LA is endorsing the contest.

All will be represented on a panel of judges along with representatives from WEA and Music Plus. "We're also being encouraged by the Los Angeles Board of Education, who will supply a judge, too," Roppo says.

Contestants will vie for the grand prize of a Kawai electronic keyboard donated by Guitar Center and autographed by Chucki Booker. Also part of the grand prize are \$200 worth of music lessons, a copy of "Africa O'ye: A Celebration Of African Music," 10 WEA compact discs, and a sampler CD.

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MUZE NO RUSE FOR INDIES, CHAINS

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of tools to put into people's hands so that they can customize their machines." In addition to what MUZE will do for them in responding to individual needs.

In addition to targeting chains, MUZE is trying to reach independent retailers. The company has launched a sales blitz on the region-by-region basis. MUZE generally stacks a market by doing a mailing to independent retailers in that region, announcing it will hold a mass demonstration at a central location. "We invite them to a meeting, do a demonstration, answer questions, and let them get hands-on experience on MUZE," Zullo says. "But we understand that often the owner of an independent store can't get away, and we will work

with that, going into individual stores."

Through placement of MUZE in-store, the company finds that, on average, its machine is used to look up 300 to 400 albums a day, with busier stores looking up 600 to 1,000 per day. "We have had MUZE in the market for two years now, and hundreds and thousands of albums have been looked up," Hackley notes. "We know we have something that is field-tested, extremely reliable and easy to update."

While the company works MUZE into the marketplace, it is also preparing to enter the video world. By the end of this year, the company plans to introduce a video database—to be called MUZE, naturally.



Wake-Up Call

REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS when NARM came to Florida? It was Miami Beach and the "kids" at the convention were newly hired local sales reps who were still going strong at 5:00 a.m.

Now it's 1993. NARM is in Orlando, and the convention is once again flooded with "kids." But these kids are, well... kids. And they are also going strong at 5:00 a.m., but only after a full night's sleep.

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Columbia Won't Risk Season To Risk's Cover; New-Label List; Rosen Branches To Titus Oaks

KILLER CLOWN: The sleeve art for the current 7-inch single "Bitter"/"Off" by Kansas City, Mo.-based Season To Risk, issued by Minneapolis' Red Decibel, looks innocuous at first. It depicts a clown (wearing a badge that says, "I'm Pogo the Clown") holding a bunch of balloons.

On closer perusal of the back of the sleeve, you might get the chills. The painting is the work of convicted Chicago mass murderer John Wayne Gacy, who often worked as a clown at children's birthday parties before his evil work caught up with him.

The Red Decibel single was funded by Columbia Records, as part of a first-look deal with the indie label, but Columbia's name appears nowhere on the sleeve or the disc.

According to Red Decibel spokesman Brent Ashley, the painting was to have been used as the cover for a Season To Risk EP (since replaced with a full album) that Columbia was slated to distribute. That idea was scotched, however, after Red Decibel issued a mailing containing the Gacy artwork.

"Some guy at Columbia on the West Coast got a look at it, and said to the East Coast, 'You've got to put a stop on it,'" Ashley says. Red Decibel was allowed to use the art on the single, but, Ashley adds, "[Columbia] would not do any promotion behind it," and asked that its name not appear on the single.

Red Decibel has opted for a somewhat more tasteful cover for Season To Risk's album, due via Columbia the second week in April. It will be a cartoon by underground cartoonist (and partner in Austin, Texas' Rise Records) Frank Kozik.

LABELS, LABELS, LABELS: New indie imprints continue to pop up thicker and yea.

New York's Rockville Records has announced the creation of a subsidiary devoted to Boston-based bands, appropriately named Beantown Records. Jeff Fuchman is set as label manager. The company will issue one 7-inch single a month this year; a year-end CD will comprise one song from each single plus bonus tracks. Signings so far include the *Harmory Rockets* (with members of *Seruffy The Cat* and the *Outlets*), *Crush* (featuring former *Big Dipper* and *Volcano Suns* members), and *Tackle Box* (including *Shoggy Kendall of Life Band*). Beantown also has premised an upcoming release by one of DI's favorite Boston groups, the magnificent *Titanes*.

West Hollywood, Calif., will be the home of another new label, *Skydoor Records*. Of special note: the company's VP of sales will be none other than former CEMA president Dennis White. Attorney Jeff Benise will serve as GM. The initial release from *Skydoor*, scheduled for April 13, will be an album by progressive-rock act the *Chance*. Alternative rockers *Slamhound* will follow with the album "Chaos Personified" in late spring or early summer. *Skydoor* will be distributed mainly through the *INDI* network, but in the Midwest,



by Chris Morris

Eik Grove Village, Ill.-based M.S. Distributing will handle that responsibility.

The most interesting new label announcement received of late comes from Villanova, Pa.-based *Blood*

Records. The company, which is styled as an imprint dealing primarily in rock, blues, and alternative music, has announced no signings as yet.

What caught our eye in *Blood*'s press release was the note that the label was founded by chairman/president Kenneth A. Jacobsen, who is described as co-owner of a minor-league baseball team, the *Wilmington Blue Rocks*. Does this mean unsuccessful *Blood* artists will be put on waivers, or traded to another label for a rhythm section to be named later?

TAKING ROOT: Harvey Rosen, (Continued on page 63)

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NEW AGE ALBUMS..

★ ★ NO. 1 ★ ★

1	1	55	SHEPHERD MOONS ^W SHEPHERD MOONS 45 weeks at No. 1	ENYA
2	2	47	SOLD PARA TI OTTMAR LIEBERT + LUNA NEGRA	
3	3	37	MY FOOLISH HEART WINDHAM HILL 31117	LIZ STORY
4	4	39	THE VISIT WARRNER BROS. 36894	LOREENA MCKENNEY
5	5	156	WATERMARK ^W SHEPHERD MOONS	ENYA
6	6	21	TUBULAR BELLS II SHEPHERD MOONS	MIKE OLDFIELD
7	7	15	THE IMPRESSIONISTS: WINDHAM HILL SAMPLER WINDHAM HILL 31118	VARIOUS ARTISTS
8	8	29	LOVE THEMES GOSWAMI GATE 11841	GARY LAMB
9	9	15	CUSCO 3000 HIGHER OCTAVE 1084	CUSCO
10	10	37	TONNONGHO HIGHER OCTAVE 1085	PETER BUFFETT
11	11	146	NOUVEAU FLAMENCO ^W HIGHER OCTAVE 1086	OTTMAR LIEBERT
12	12	33	HEART ZONES CLAY LINE PRODUCTIONS 3370 LAURE	DOC LEW CHILDR
13	13	49	DARE TO DREAM ^W PRIVATE MUSIC 41294	YANNI
14	14	31	CURTAIN CALL MOBILE 10017	DANNY WRIGHT
15	15	8	WIND DANCER SOUNDINGS OF THE PLANET 7149	DEAN EVENSEN & TOM BARBAS
16	16	68	ENYA ^W ATLANTIC 11841	ENYA
17	17	71	SUMMER ^W WINDHAM HILL 31107	GEORGE WINSTON
18	18	15	PIANO SOLOS NARADA 41251	VARIOUS ARTISTS
19	19	5	THROUGH THE RAINDROPS NARADA 41250	ROBERT BONFIGLIO
20	NEW	1	SOMA HEARTS OF SPACE 11839	STEVE ROACH & ROBERT RICH
21	19	11	MYSTERYUM LONE LONE 10842	DON HARRISS
22	17	126	DECEMBER & WINDHAM HILL 3125	GEORGE WINSTON
23	21	7	LOGICAL HIGHER OCTAVE 1087	ENO
24	NEW	1	A DIFFERENT KIND OF BLUE REAL MUSIC 5050	MAX LASSER'S ARK
25	NEW	1	RHYTHM HARVEST NARADA 41252	THE MICHAEL PLUZINICK GROUP

WORLD MUSIC ALBUMS..

★ ★ NO. 1 ★ ★

1	1	21	RAPA ITI TELMA 11027	THE TANTIAN CHOR
2	3	11	BALFOU DANIERE WIND 31014	BOUMMAN KESPERIANS
3	2	18	SONGS OF FREEDOM TURT GONG/ISLAND 11228-FLG	BOB MARLEY
4	4	27	KIRYA CHANGING GROUP	OFRA HAZA
5	5	8	GLOBAL MEDITATION THE RELAXATION COMPANY 66171	VARIOUS ARTISTS
6	5	1	LIVE LATELIFE MUSICIAN 412507/ELERTIA	GIPTSY KINGS
7	6	15	ZAKIR HUSSAIN AND THE RHYTHM EXPERIENCE ROBERT 10017	ZAKIR HUSSAIN
8	7	11	RHYTHM & JEWEL FLYING FISH 70557/FLYING FISH	THE KLEZMATIC
9	7	7	IN THIS LAND LUNA BEAT 41251/WARRNER BROS.	SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK
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12	13	39	AMERICAS MELA 78014	STRUNZ & FARAH
13	NEW	1	WAKE UP QUALITY 11821	BRG MOUNTAIN
14	NEW	1	FROM BULGARIA WITH LOVE MELA 78015/INNO	LE MYSTERE DES VOIX BULGARES
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Canadian chain Bestsellers is planning a U.S. invasion. Pictured is one of its 10 stores in Toronto.

BESTSELLERS SOLD ON EXPANSION

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Forbes says he believes the success of the Canadian concept will translate well in the U.S. "There is no question of confusion with Bestsellers," says Forbes. "It is a store of facts." He says items in all classifications are merchandised in order of popularity according to Billboard, Publisher's Weekly, and The New York Times Book Review, from one to 20 or 40, rather than by alphabetical order.

For the time being, Melnick says, Bestsellers will likely buy most of its music and video products from wholesalers in the U.S. "Once we develop some clout, we can buy direct," he says. In the book field, however, the company can easily buy directly from publishers,

librarians, thanks to Melnick's experience as an executive and owner of Classic Bookshops.

Melnick says the Bestsellers system will add 15 more stores this year in Canada.

To the consumer, Bestsellers' narrow selection, simplistic merchandising, and placement in high-traffic shopping areas near corporate work centers means easy access and easy selection; to the company, it translates to a guaranteed high level of turnover and high volume per square foot. "I can assure you that sales will be well in excess of \$2,000 per square foot in our first Manhattan location," Melnick says.

DECLARATIONS OF INDEPENDENTS

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former VP of sales at New York's Landmark Distributors, has been named director of distribution at Titus Oaks Distribution in Bellet, Conn. Rosen is charged with bolstering Titus Oaks' penetration with existing labels, signing on new labels, and developing new markets.

FLAG WAVING: If the title of Michael Hall's new Safe House album, "Love Is Murderer," sounds familiar, that's because it shares the name with a double 7-inch single released by the Austin, Texas, singer-songwriter last year on his own Armat label.

Hall says, "I had sent some of the songs to [Safe House's] Jim Reynolds, and he called after I put the other stuff out and said, 'Hey, I'd do a record.'" Thus, three of the tracks from the Armat release—the title cut, "Put Down That Pig," and "Booville By Morning"—are included on the new full-length album from the West Lebanon, N.H., label.

Like Hall's work with his much-acclaimed '86 band the Wild Seeds and his solo act in 1990 Records in Bellet, sole set "Quarter To Three," the material on "Love Is Murderer" reflects Hall's sensitivity and keen wit. Highlights include the downbeat comedy of "Let's Take Some Drugs, And Drive

Around" and the ballad "Baby, You Scare Me," which features the vocal work of former Wild Seeds member and ex-Artista artist Kris McKay.

"It's a song from a woman's point of view, and I wanted a woman to sing it," Hall says. "Kris is still one of my favorite singers. One day she'll get her due."

Hall will be playing at Austin's South By Southwest Music & Media Conference this month with the Lollivaggers, a band that includes McKay and two other former Wild Seeds, Randy Franklin and Joey Sheffield. "It really was kind of weird," Hall says of this destruction. "I had some mixed feelings about this, but I really enjoyed playing with them."

Hall also will be heard this spring on an album for the German label Blue Million Miles Records by the Setters, the Austin group in which he is partnered with ex-True Believers leader Alejandro Escovedo (whose solo album "Gravity" was a 1992 gem) and ex-Silicon member Walter Salazar-Harman. American dead has been made for the album.

Although Hall says "It's pretty hard to tour right now," he plans to play some dates in the Northeast in April.

PolyGram To Push Moody Blues Via PBS Stations To Air Concert During March Fund Drives

■ BY GREG REIBMAN

BOSTON—In an effort to lure baby boomers back into record stores, PolyGram is turning to public television this month to promote a new Moody Blues live record and home video.

Approximately 100 PBS stations nationwide will broadcast the documentary "The Moody Blues In Concert At Red Rocks," throughout March as one of the marquee presentations of a month-long fund-raising drive.

The broadcast coincides with the simultaneous release March 9 of the British group's album "Live At Red Rocks" on PolyGram, which is marketed by PLG, and the companion home video "The Moody Blues—A Night At Red Rocks With The Colorado Symphony Orchestra" on PolyGram Video.

All three formats are the result of a concert recorded and filmed last September at the Red Rocks concert facility in Colorado. The concert celebrated the silver anniversary of the Moody's orchestral opus "Days Of Future Passed" by reuniting the group with an orchestra for the first time since that album was recorded in 1967.

The joint releases also represent ongoing efforts to coordinate PolyGram subsidiaries through PolyGram Diversified Entertainment, explains PDE president John Scherr. "This is the first time that PolyGram has really [been] able to integrate records, home video,

and television production all at one time," says Scherr, whose division oversees the Red Rocks taping and is coordinating a similar venture featuring Diana Ross later this month.

'My gut feeling is to go with as much TV as possible'

"This is not necessarily innovative, because people have made TV shows and people have released records and videos before," Scherr adds. "But it is an effort between the different divisions of PolyGram to go after what is traditionally a passive audience in a coordinated way."

Throughout the PBS broadcasts, fund-raising anchors will display copies of the video and album as a fundraising premium. PLG also will push the release with tagged ads in TV Guide in the top-10 PBS markets followed by a video campaign on VH1 in April, says Jeanette Mattiuzzi, PLG VP of artist development/video.

"My gut feeling is to go with as much TV as possible," says Mattiuzzi. "Those

are the people who will be sitting home on a Saturday night and not necessarily going into Tower Records and noticing that a similar venture featuring Diana Ross later this month."

Mattiuzzi says the label has prepared a 60-second spot promoting the group's entire catalog as well as a 30-second spot focused on the Red Rocks releases.

The PBS special has more of a documentary feel than the full-length home video. The audio version has different tracks than the video, but the focus of all three formats is the first-ever live appearance by Justin Hayward, John Lodge, Ray Thomas, and Gramme Edge with an orchestra. The concert spans the Moody Blues' entire career, including songs like "Nights In White Satin," "Questiones," and "Tuesday Afternoon."

"In the case of a Moody Blues fan, you're talking about people for whom the music is still very much a part of their lives, but it has taken a book set to jobs, family, etc.," says Scherr. "By making it easily accessible to them, bringing it right into their living room or bedroom, I think there's an opportunity to really drive people into the stores."

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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The Sinatra project shines the spotlight on the Library of Congress, keeper of the nation's musical heritage with an archive of some three million sound recordings and radio broadcasts.

Sinatra's career with Columbia spanned nearly a decade, from 1943, when he left the Tommy Dorsey band for a solo career, to 1952, when he and the label parted ways. He moved on in 1953 to an explosive career at Capitol and, in 1963, moved again to Reprise.

By the end of last year, Deutch had amassed complete discographies of information on Sinatra and was working closely with Sam Kirkby, the director of CBS/Sony's reorganized archives, combing the company's vaults for masters and top-condition copies of the hundreds of sides Sinatra had cut for the label.

Deutch was also aware of a large number of Columbia-era Sinatra recordings all but unknown to most U.S. fans: V-Disc label sides released for consumption by World War II GIs overseas.

The red, white, and blue V-Disc label (V for Victory) was the morale-boosting branch of the War Department's Special Services Division. From 1943 until its demise in 1948, the label released 998 12-inch recordings (often with two songs per side) of all genres, with artists ranging from Toscanini to Art Tatum to Spike Jones and his City Slickers.

After some research, Deutch and Kirkby learned that "Some of these recordings supposedly showcased Sinatra with songs he had never done before, or with songs featuring



Library of Congress sound engineer Larry Appelbaum restores recordings, photo left. While most of the 78s supplied for the Sinatra project were in mint condition, some wear and deterioration often take their toll. Here he displays two vintage transcriptions too far gone to save. In the photo on the right, Library of Congress sound specialists Wynn Matthias, left, and Sam Brylawski confer in the Recorded Sound Reference Center. Matthias holds the first recording received by the Library of Congress, a 1905 cylinder recording of Kaiser Wilhelm. Brylawski holds the 1935 application for Frank Sinatra and the Hoboken Four to appear on the Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour. (Photo: Library of Congress)

to agree to play for free. In addition to getting recycled pre-ban releases from companies, the program had a full recording schedule of its own. In addition, it could utilize and release transcriptions from state-side radio programs, which were also exempt from the ban. There were Sinatra sides in all three categories.

"I knew there were about 90 recordings, and there had to be some amazing things," Deutch recalls.

At this point, Kirkby and Deutch turned to the Library of

institution with an enormous general collection. It's as close as you can get to being a national archive of recorded sound. There's nothing like it in the world, as far as I know."

In addition to a general collection that includes copyright deposit copies of U.S. label releases (Billboard, Feb. 27), the RSRC houses large collections acquired as donations or gifts. It also has bought private collections of recordings ranging from opera to rock and roll.

Its most recent major acquisition is a collection of nearly 500,000 jazz and blues 78s, a gift/purchase arrangement.

COMPLETE V-DISC SERIES

Deutch and Kirkby contacted RSRC's senior staffer Sam Brylawski to determine whether the Library's holdings included V-Disc material. "I told them that yes, we have V-Discs; in fact, we have just about the complete series of the recordings, sometimes two or three copies of each," says Brylawski. "They had been donated to the Library by the War Department when the program was phased out."

Deutch sent Brylawski a list of the recordings he needed. "We found nearly every one they requested," Brylawski says. "I think we were missing one from the separate Navy program. They all weren't cataloged yet, but they were shelved, as all our recordings are, by manufacturer, label name and number."

While Deutch was awaiting overall final approval of the releases series from Sinatra, he obtained permission from the AFM to use the records for the set by arranging for a fee to be paid to the musicians' general fund. "With unpublished recordings, or government recordings not intended for commercial release originally, that's the rule," Brylawski explains. "Basically, you act like it's a recording session."

Deutch and Kirkby traveled to the Library in January to check out the V-Discs and to have the Library transfer the 78s, most of which are in mint condition, to DAT laser-tape copies. It was then that the producer knew for sure just how rich a vein he had mined.

Among the 90 recordings, only 30 were duplicates of released Columbia sides. The rest were enough to make any Sinatra fan (or discographical treasure hunter) giddy.

According to Deutch, one third of the material consisted of completely different versions—featuring an orchestral accompaniment instead of a choir, or different arrangements or bands—of songs Sinatra had recorded for Columbia. "Of course, the vocal performances are unique as well," he says.

The other third was "songs, and I mean wonderful songs, that he had never recorded at all while he was on the label," says Deutch.

Included in that trove were recordings of "Speak Low," "My Shining Hour," and "Long Ago And Far Away," made in 1944, years before they were to become pop and jazz standards.

Deutch and Kirkby sent the tapes to Sinatra's office and waited. Finally, word came back. Thumb up.

Deutch and Kirkby are working with copies of the 78s made direct to DAT by the RSRC. The producer plans to process the recordings through a computerized sound restoration system when the label makes the collection's digital masters.

MCA/GRP LOGO

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"GRP is so synonymous with contemporary jazz that it creates a typecast for any artist that is on that label," says GRP president Larry Rosen. "With MCA/GRP we can continue to expand into the pop arena."

Aside from Laime, current GRP artists Phil Austin and Rob Wasserman who is working on "Travis," a sequel to his album "Dust" will move over to the new imprint.

Rosen says the MCA/GRP imprint was also inspired by the success of several successful adult pop artists on other labels. "That's what is really happening in the marketplace in general, at radio, and retail," he says. "The baby boomers are getting older and the adult audience is becoming larger."

According to Rosen, MCA/GRP re-

ters. The finds, both at the Library's RSRC and in the CBS/Sony vaults, were substantial enough to enlarge the scope of the project.

The first complete Columbia box, scheduled for release this fall, will include 287 songs recorded for the label, including 25 previously unreleased recordings and three undocumented recordings unearthed in the CBS/Sony archives.

The second set, tentatively scheduled for an early 1994 release, will be "Sinatra—The Complete V-Discs," with the same package design and art work as the first set, according to Deutch.

A third box of the singer's Hollywood recordings and his pre-Tommy Dorsey efforts with the Harry James Band will follow, as will the same package design.

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As to the Library's outlook on companies using its holdings for a commercial release, Brylawski and the RSRC had no problem. "Actually, we encourage the dissemination of unique or unusual recordings," he says. "We're simply the custodians of the physical property."

Back at the Library's RSRC, Brylawski says, "We're very happy with the project. 'In an ideal world, everything should be in print,' he says.

Anything, he and his staff are working on a number of minicollections, including one of women's music, and another of recent topical recordings, including homegrown label efforts (with some crossover about former VP Dan Quayle and about the Gulf War).

Brylawski is also overseeing the ongoing cataloging of other acquisitions, including the world's largest collection of Duke Ellington recordings. "Albums, 78s, airchecks, live tapes," he says. "We're doing it. There's also work to be done on a collection of the famous U.S. engineer-recorder Wally Heider's on-location recordings."

Among the areas Sinatra wants to expand are his gospel music recordings collection and its collection of transcriptions of pre-1935 radio programs, says Brylawski.

This is the second of a two-part series on the Library of Congress.

A youthful Frank Sinatra records at the Columbia Records studio circa 1945.

different arrangements or a full orchestra," says Deutch. "The AFM recording ban was in effect, which meant singers could only record with vocal backup groups or choirs."

The AFM recording ban was a musicians' strike over jukebox and radio royalties that lasted from August 1942 until November 1944. The AFM forbade union-member musicians from playing on recording sessions during that time.

CONDITIONAL EXEMPTION

The V-Disc program received a conditional exemption from the union recording ban. The releases had to be targeted just to servicemen overseas, destroyed after the war, and artists and musicians had

Congress and its Recorded Sound Reference Center.

The Recorded Sound Reference Center (RSRC) is a library within a library. With its own massive archive, reading and listening facilities, and staff, it holds the nation's largest public collection of sound recordings and radio broadcasts.

The RSRC also has thousands of print discographies, trade catalogs, and reference books. In addition, it utilizes the Library of Congress's audio labs/studios for preservation efforts. (The Library has an equally impressive film and video collection division.)

As Dan Morgenstern, head of the Rutgers University Institute of Jazz Studies puts it: "It's a unique

leases will be primarily promoted and marketed by GRP, but MCA may also play a role. "We will sit down with MCA and decide what we will do on an artist-by-artist basis," he says.

"MCA Records president Richard Rosen says he will assist in the marketing effort."

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PICTURE THIS

By Seth Goldstein

THE RIGHT STUFF: Home video, which is continually justifying itself in the face of competing technologies, will have some new supporting data courtesy of Blockbuster. The chain has taken delivery of a research report from a major national consultancy giving the industry a clean bill of health. Considering the client, the results might be considered predictable.

An executive summary likely will be the centerpiece of senior VP Ron Mader's Home Video vs. Emerging Technologies talk in the March 7-9 presentations to Wall Street analysts in Boca Raton, Fla., and should make an appearance in remarks prepared for the May 11 annual shareholders meeting.

Also on the analyst agenda are Blockbuster's marketing chief James Hlmer on the plans and VP Gerry Weber on the selection. Both have new subordinates. Merchandising honcho Carol Feinberg is assigned to Hlmer, while head buyer Mark Stuart, who had reported to Feinberg, is Weber's man.

STILL DANCING: Orion Home Video's Herb Dorfman thinks the "Dances With Wolves" title will vault to 25 million units by year's end. "I expect that we'll make those numbers," Retail accounts, he says, will include mass merchants ruled by Hurdman, which isn't extending itself to support the title (Billboard, Feb. 10). Dorfman suggests they may be buying from other sources. One reason to stock the title is a "liberal [return] policy relative to the marketplace," Blockbuster, meanwhile, is Weber's dog.

VIDUITS: We can't name the studio, but one of Hollywood's finest has landed cassette rights to the "Stonely" catalog. Joanne Held, formerly Pacific Arts Video sales VP, joins National Geographic Video as retail sales manager in Nat Geo's L.A. office. She'll work with distributor Columbia TriStar, and with distributor Rank Video Services. Turner has moved up the street date of its Amy Fisher title, NBC's "Lethal Weapon," to March 21, joining the network entries from Cap/ABC and Columbia TriStar. Turner hopes to sell 25,000 units, which will include a WB's fallhouse interview with Fisher.

Software Outlets Plug In To CD-ROM Kagan Panel Muses Multimedia Future

By Jim McCullaugh

LOS ANGELES—Entertainment software outlets—a category including record, video, and book outlets—are poised to become significant players in the fast-developing CD-ROM multimedia market.

That was the message from Tom McGrew, VP of sales and marketing for San Diego-based Compton's New Media, speaking at a Feb. 17 "Future Of Home Video" symposium sponsored by Kagan Seminars here at the Ma Maison Sofitel Hotel.

McGrew was joined on the "New Technologies: How Will They Change The Business?" panel by Bradford Auerbach, VP of business affairs and general counsel at Philips Interactive Media of America, Hal Josephson, director of business development for the new 3DO Co.; Wendy Moss, senior VP of Image Entertainment; and Todd Wade, co-director/marketing of The Voyager Co.

CD-ROM demand is a "lot bigger than we thought it would be" when Compton's New Media formed 18 months ago to distribute the software for DOS, Windows, and Mac environments, McGrew told attendees. "It's grown some 400%-500% in size."

As evidence of evolving distribution, McGrew noted that less than two years ago, 75% of product was flowing through direct-mail channels. That has "blipped-dropped," he said, with 75% of product now flowing through retailers specializing in computers and video and mass merchants.

What's making CD-ROM—optical disc software that combines text, video, animation, and audio—even more appealing to resellers and distribution, said McGrew, is an exploding array of "broad-based titles," including entertainment-oriented programs. McGrew pointed in particular to a new generation of CD-ROM discs compatible in any of three major environments—DOS, Windows, and Mac.

"Then there is only one [stock keeping unit]," he said.

By the end of 1993, he projected an installed base of 4 million CD-ROM external drives capable of handling any or all of the three formats. In two years, the number should double to 7 million-9 million units, a healthy installed base to sell into," McGrew noted.

Wade, who demonstrated Voyager's CD-ROM version of the Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night," supported much of what McGrew said. He added, "CD-ROM is now seen as a valuable medium in that customers will pay for extra information" they know can be delivered. "Moreover, customers want to collect," he said. "And the fact that the technology is being supported by the likes of Apple, Microsoft, and Windows is evidence that it won't go away quickly."

The consensus at the session was that all the newer technologies could result in a format war reminiscent of the bet vs. VHS in the '80s, although the consumer appears more eager to embrace a vast new informational and entertainment equipment than an incompatible VCR.

Auerbach claimed Philips is on target with its Compact Disc-Interactive rollout, now reaching about 2,500 retail outlets. CD-I's appeal, he believes, goes beyond kids, games, music, and special-interest programs currently available. Due later this year are movies in the 5-inch format, sporting "VHS-like" quality. Auerbach said, preceding "full motion, full screen" software.

Moss, whose company distributes about 35%-40% of laserdiscs in the U.S., said she was bullish about the continuing health of the laserdisc business, projecting a population of 1.3 million players by year's end and 3.1 million machines in 1994. The 11 million laserdiscs sold in 1992 should increase to 14.4 million in 1993 and 30.9 million in 1995.

Retailers have "gotten much more involved" in the past year or so, Moss noted, in particular comic book chains, which have had "great success."

One "really important" barometer of laser's continued health is the increasing number of major consumer-electronics hardware suppliers offering complogizers. There were only eight in

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Rivals Work On Standards For Digital VCRs

TOKYO—Discussions are under way between Matsushita Electric Industrial and Sony Corp. for development of a single worldwide digital VCR format.

A Matsushita spokeswoman declines to specify which other firms are involved in the talks, but notes they are "not specifically Japanese."

According to press reports here, Hitachi, Toshiba, Victor Co. of Japan (JVC), Philips, and Thomson are expected to join Sony and Matsushita in adopting whatever standards are eventually determined.

A digital VCR could be an important product, particularly if High Definition Television becomes a mass-market reality.

Sources say the decision by rivals Sony and Matsushita to cooperate on a digital video standard is seen as recognition by the firms that they cannot afford another format

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Kagan Panelists Predict More PPV Promotions

PPV'S PUNCH: Video store operators who see pay-per-view as competitive can look for more promotions, according to panelists at the annual Paul Kagan Seminar, held Feb. 17-18 at La Maison Sofitel Hotel, Los Angeles.

While 90-cent offerings for PPV have become more common of late, they are usually for short durations as trial deals. Kagan panelists James English of Viewer's Choice and Hugh Panero of Request TV both described live-bid offers for so-called "nevers," or people who have not purchased PPV movies before.

However, Scott Kurnit, president of Set Pay Per View, described a promotion of much longer duration offering MGM/UA's "Daggers" at 99 cents for viewers purchasing a companion, nontheatrical program now playing "in about 70 small markets."

"The Tough Man Championship" is paired with the movie, which has promoter James Woods organizing a scam that pits his fighter, coach Goulet Jr., against 10 opponents. In Set's event, amateur fighters shut it out onstage; the footage shown during the panel delighted and disgusted Kagan attendees. Kurnit says the show was "local cable concept driven, not talent driven," as in boxing matches that demand big names.

CANADIAN CONNECTION: Rogers Video, the 71-store British Columbia chain, is one home video retailer not afraid of PPV, according to president, COO Chuck Van Der Lee, a Kagan panelist.

It is part of Rogers Cable's systems, Kagan noted, to encourage programming in a number of modes. For example, "We have the only cellular phone system that is coast to coast," noted Van Der Lee, describing CanTel. Rogers, servicing 1.5 million cable homes, is also 32% invested in Unitel, the Canadian telephone network.

Rogers Video hopes to test Rentrak "to use as a marketing tool," he said. "We realize that Rentrak is primarily for those retailers who cannot take the financial expense and opt for the 8% license fee. Van Der Lee comments: "We do not have that problem. We purchase \$12 million worth of new releases a year and will go on doing that. But on a title like 'Scent Of A Woman,' we want to make a statement with that and have 300 titles in certain areas where we face strong competition."

At the other end of the spectrum, hoping to boost catalog business, Bantam has installed a dedicated brand section. "We have the whole list of winners from day one. What we finders is that we are getting a turn a week on a lot of movies that were for-

merly renting once a month."

THE REEL THING: One way to spur action in the otherwise-stagnant catalog sections is to offer guaranteed satisfaction, said Bob Geistman, director of marketing retail services at Ingram Entertainment. He's negotiated several sales operators in various parts of the country to go with a program he calls "Reel Guarantee."

According to Geistman, another Kagan attendee, who goes back to the earliest days of video rental at Turtle's, now a Super Club subsidiary, the program involves more than 1,000 titles. "They should be selected on the basis of several from each major studio. We encourage using a sticker to identify them. They should also remain mixed in with the present display. We do not want to see a whole section guaranteed titles because that's just like a wall—the customer will go there and not shop the whole store," he said.

Geistman recommended "a shelf taller that states the customer is entitled to a free rental if they are not happy. Customers these days are not that worried over the \$2 or \$3 it's the time they don't want to feel wasted, the two hours on something they end up not liking." While the guarantee obviously doesn't replace the time spent on something unsatisfying, Geistman thinks it does ease concerns.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: Retailers in a dozen U.S. markets are getting an unexpected boost from Nintendo of America, bent on promoting its newest offering, "Star Fox," according to Mike Robertson, games play counselor. Nintendo, via its new PR firm, Berkheimer Kline Golin/Parkinson, is testing various major markets in a media blitz that includes some store visits, says Palmer Moody of the agency.

The whole operation is low-key. "We don't want to attract a lot of attention," says Moody. However, close to \$20,000 worth of electronic gear is laid out in the unadorned van Nintendo uses for the tour, he adds.

Robertson, described by his traveling partner Moody as "someone who goes paid for playing games," has no hesitation feeling the tour is sophisticated and challenging, that they will run up very high rental fees.

"We do not encourage rental," says Robertson, even though higher rental prices for games have pushed stores in that direction. "One of our concerns is that young people will get so involved in the game, and they're so sophisticated and challenging, that they will run up very high rental fees. We also are concerned about them

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHART	TITLE	Copyright Owner, Distributor, Catalog Number	Principal Performers	Year of Release	Rating	Weeks at No. 1
1	1	17	BEAUTY AND THE BEAST	Walt Disney Home Video 1325	Animated	1991	G	28/9
2	2	15	SISTER ACT	Toothbrush Pictures Touchstone Home Video 1452	Whoopi Goldberg Haley Kiefer	1992	PG	15/9
3	5	46	101 DALMATIANS	Walt Disney Home Video 1263	Animated	1991	G	24/9
4	3	20	CINDY CRAWFORD SHAPE YOUR BODY WORKOUT	GoodTimes Home Video 7032	Cindy Crawford	1992	NC	15/9
5	5	3	THE MUPPET MOVIE	Walt Disney Home Video	The Muppets	1975	G	22/9
6	6	5	PLAYBOY: SEXY LINGERIE V	Playboy Home Video Uni Dist. Corp. PBW0727	Various Artists	1992	NC	17/5
7	3	21	BEETHOVEN	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 91222	Charles Oudin Bonnie Hunt	1991	PG-13	24/8
8	6	18	JFK: DIRECTOR'S CUT	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 12614	Kevin Costner	1992	G	24/8
9	8	18	CASALINIA (SOUTH AFRICA)	MGM/UA Home Video 302609	Murphy's Big Top Night Circus	1983	NC	24/8
10	17	2	FRIED GREEN TOMATOES	Fried Green Tomatoes Productions MCA/Universal Home Video 81228	Kathy Bates Jessica Tandy	1991	PG-13	10/9
11	16	28	BEYOND THE MIND'S EYE	Miramax Films Inc. SAG Video 723330010-3	Jan Hammer	1992	NC	10/8
12	10	18	CHEERFULNESS: BODY CONFIDENCE	CBS/Fox Video FoxVideo 2577	Cher	1992	NC	10/8
13	21	8	RAMEN IN CONCERT	The Lyon's Group	Various Artists	1992	NC	14/5
14	15	12	PLAYBOY: EROTIC FANTASIES II	Playboy Home Video Uni Dist. Corp. PBW0728	Various Artists	1992	NC	21/5
15	19	13	A YEAR AND A HALF IN THE LIFE OF METALLICA	Eskimo Entertainment 40146	Metallica	1992	NC	24/8
16	26	1	SWEATIN' TO THE OLDIES 2	GoodTimes Home Video 9304	Richard Simmons	1993	NC	24/8
17	17	17	THE GREAT MOUSE DETECTIVE	Walt Disney Home Video 1360	Animated	1986	G	21/8
18	29	23	THE RESCUERS	Walt Disney Home Video 1399	Animated	1977	G	24/5
19	18	11	BATMAN RETURNS	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 15009	Michael Keaton Danny Glover	1992	PG-13	24/8
20	25	5	PLAYBOY: ULTIMATE SENSUAL MESSAGE	Playboy Home Video Uni Dist. Corp. PBW0729	Various Artists	1992	NC	25/5
21	23	29	TEENIMATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY	Carolina Home Video LIVE Home Video 69952	A. Schweinsinger Linda Hamilton	1992	G	24/8
22	24	28	ERIC CLAPTON: UNPLUGGED	Warner Reprise Video 59311	Eric Clapton	1992	NC	15/8
23	NEW	1	THE GREAT WHITE PUPPET CAPER	Walt Disney Home Video	The Muppets	1991	G	22/1
24	25	21	THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW	FoxVideo 1974	Ty Guy Richard O'Brien	1975	G	24/8
25	NEW	1	BARNES'S MAGICAL MUSICAL	The Lyon's Group	Various Artists	1991	NC	13/5
26	22	15	PLAYBOY 1992 VIDEO PLAYMATE CALENDAR	Playboy Home Video Uni Dist. Corp. PBW0720	Various Artists	1992	NC	15/5
27	28	13	FANTASIA	Walt Disney Home Video 1132	Animated	1986	G	24/8
28	14	8	YOUR ILLUSION: PARTS I & II	Gulfco Video Uni Dist. Corp. 39925	Guns N' Roses	1992	NC	24/8
29	27	28	FERGUSON... THE LAST SAINTFIRE	FoxVideo 5594	Animated	1993	G	24/8
30	24	28	HOOK	Amblin Entertainment Columbia TriStar Home Video 70623	Dustin Hoffman Robin Williams	1991	PG	24/8
31	RE-ENTRY	1	THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 32520	Sean Connery Alec Guinness	1990	PG	15/5
32	35	25	WAYNE'S WORLD	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 32705	Mike Myers Dana Carney	1992	PG-13	24/8
33	11	25	KING KONG (GOTH ARMY)	Tuner Home Entertainment 6201	Ray Wink Robert Armstrong	1933	NC	24/8
34	29	13	RICHARD SIMMONS: SWEATIN' TO THE OLDIES	Warner Home Video 616	Richard Simmons	1991	NC	15/8
35	35	17	THIS IS MICHAEL BOLTON	BMV Enterprises 129-4159	Michael Bolton	1992	NC	15/8
36	21	19	PLAYBOY'S PLAYMATE SLEDOPIERS	Playboy Home Video Uni Dist. Corp. PBW0710	Various Artists	1992	NC	15/8
37	NEW	1	THIN	Walt Disney Home Video	Jill Briscoe Brigitte Boudreau	1993	PG	15/8
38	30	18	PLAYBOY: BEST OF WET & WILD	Playboy Home Video Uni Dist. Corp. PBW0723	Various Artists	1992	NC	15/8
39	40	8	GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT	FoxVideo 1077	Gregory Peck Dorothy McGuire	1947	NC	14/8
40	36	2	BARNES'S DISCO SCHOOL	The Lyon's Group	Various Artists	1992	NC	14/8

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Panel Probes Challenges In Marketing Video

■ BY JIM McCULLAUGH

LOS ANGELES—Home video won't be sidetracked by pay-per-view, video on demand, or the other upstart delivery systems trying to beat the VCR to the draw. Such was the consensus of the Kagan Seminars panel, which held forth Feb. 17 here.

Industry outsiders might censure, but you wouldn't expect anything less positive from the participants who discussed "Marketing Video: The Challenge Ahead," including Steve Beck, executive VP, Republic Pictures Corp.; David Bishop, senior VP/GM, LIVE Home Video; Ron Castell, senior VP of programming, Blockbuster Entertainment; and Chuck van der Lee, president, Rogers Video. They're true believers, and they think, with good reason.

"Anyone expecting PPV or some of the newer technologies to wipe out video stores has a long time to wait, if it ever happens," said Bishop. "Certainly the new competing delivery systems will challenge home video as we know it. But what is more likely to happen is an expansion of the business. The pie will be carved up a little bit differently, but we don't expect it to be dramatic."

The result, he continued, "is that consumers will have a better shopping experience at the store level. Stores will feel the pressure to enliven the rental and sale process." While retailers sharpen their sales tools, on-demand suppliers will struggle to launch services, "and any significant penetration cannot be expected until 1998," he added. "But what everyone fails to view is that home video won't stand dominant. Home video will go through its own changes and evolution."

Bishop pointed to an analysis of pricing and economics of PPV and home video that reinforces his claim. A rental-priced hit title that sells about 300,000-350,000 units brings in a contribution of about \$45 per unit to the studio, after manufacturing and marketing costs are subtracted.

To generate the same PPV revenues, the movie, priced at \$4.50, would have to be purchased by 9 million of the 20 million homes now expected to take the service. That's a buy rate of 45%.

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April 1996," she said. Three years later, 39 companies have machines. As a result, the average price of a combi has dropped to \$250, another trend expected to drive the market.

Joseph recognized the new, highly touted 3DO system, which debuted at the January Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Home units are expected to go on sale next fall. He emphasized that 3DO is "not a manufacturer or publishing company but a licensing company. We have created a chip set and will support it." Among companies that have a stake in 3DO are Matsushita, Time Warner, Electronic Arts, Kleiner-Perkins, and AT&T.

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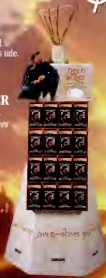


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Mini Mermaid...Kids' Lit Top List Of New Releases

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AN exceptionally helpful mall:

Walt Disney Home Video has a paucal of new releases, including the recently unveiled "For Our Children: The Crisworts" (\$19.99), high-energy family entertainment featuring the names like Paula Abdul, Kris Kross, Melissa Etheridge, and others performing kids' songs; all proceeds go to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Released Feb. 26 were three volumes in the new animated series "Ariel's Undersea Adventures" (44 minutes, \$12.99). Each title features a pair of



by Moira McCormick

new stories starring Disney's Little Mermaid, Sebastian, and other familiar characters, along with some new faces like Stormy the Seahorse. The titles are set in a time before that of the movie, so the video Ariel is somewhat younger than the before. The video series was launched in gittery packaging, and comes with a bonus offer: a Little Mermaid carrying case, free with two proofs of purchase of the Ariel series.

Also new from Disney is the recently distributed video line, starring Goofy and Max, based on the "Goof Troop" TV series. Each of the three \$12.99, 47-minute titles features a pair of stories and a music video, and is packaged with collectible stickers. In addition, Disney has issued four live-action films at \$19.99 each: "Trem," "Never Cry Wolf," "Beverly Hills Cop," and "Flight of the Navigator." Disney also releases two in the "Dinosaurs" series: "I'm the Baby" (Vol. 7) and "Don't Cross the River" (Vol. 8), each \$12.99. "Good Book Video," Racine, Wis., is expanding its selection of video offerings based on children's literature, according to a spokesperson. The company now has the release of two Encyclopaedia Brown titles, based on Donald J. Sobel's popular books, as well as Judith Viorst's "Alexander and The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" and the Christopher Plummer-narrated "Madeline and The Uppies," based on Ludwig Bemmel's heroine. Coming up in the next two months are "Bunch Of Munch," a pair of stories from bestselling children's author Robert Munsch, and "Just Me And My Dad," based on Mercer Mayer's Little Critter character.

The wordless animated movie "Little Nemo: Adventures In Slumberland" (\$24.99)—based on the first comic strip ever published in the U.S.—was just released by Hemdale Home Video, Los Angeles, with Tropicana as corporate sponsor. Consumers receive a \$5 rebate from Tropicana with the purchase of "Little Nemo" and a Tropicana Tripsicle candy. A "Little Nemo" Calendar set is offered as a premium with purchases of the juice. A wide

variety of point-of-purchase material is available. Also new from Hemdale is family action-adventure film "Spy Trap" (\$89.95), the story of five junior high kids mixed up in international espionage.

MCA/Universal Home Video will issue the only animated film so far to be based on Walt Disney's classic children's fable "The Little Engine That Could." It's due March 31.

Each 30-minute, \$12.99 cassette will feature a free "I Think I Can" booklet containing games, puzzles, etc. An extensive consumer campaign

is planned; P.O. P includes full-sized posters and related merchandises.

Paramount Home Video is now the exclusive distributor of video titles by Moonbeam, the new label

from Full Moon Entertainment, created to produce family films. Moonbeam's first title will be "Prehysteria," a comedy/adventure featuring a human family and a band of baby dinosaurs, set for a late spring release. • Family Home Entertainment is offering a colorful 40-piece Easter display and 18-piece Easter display for its seven-title Easter Video collection. Each of the titles comes packaged with an eight-page activity booklet.

Strand Home Video, Santa Monica, Calif., has extended its agreement with Quality Family Entertainment, producer of the popular PBS series "Shining Time Station," for exclusive distribution of Quality's "Thomas The Tank Engine & Friends" tapes in the U.S. and Canada. The series' (Vol. 1), each \$12.99, is "Thomas, Percy, & The Dragon & Other Stories." Strand has also acquired Britain's Abbey Home Entertainment, a unit for U.S. and Canadian distribution. New animated releases from that partnership are "Bump—My First Video," "Pete's Pat's 125 Story," and a pair of titles from the subversive Roald Dahl, "Dirty Beasts" and "Revolting Rhymes." All are approximately 30 minutes and retail for \$9.98.

Warner Home Video is set to release "Peter, Paul & Mommy, Too," a 90-minute videocassette of the venerable folk trio's October 1988 family concert at New York's majestic Theatre. Both the video (\$19.98) and companion audio are out March 9. A PBS television special of some what air through March 7. Children's Circle, Western, Conn., is revamping the packaging on all of its outstanding children's titles, which now feature the company's new logo. The newest release is "Max's Chocolate Chicken And Other Stories For Young Children" (30 minutes, \$14.95).

The latest from always top-selling Rabbit Ears, Rowayton, Conn., is the Native American legend "Princess

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Top Video Rentals

COMPILED FROM A NATIONAL SAMPLE OF RETAIL STORE RENTAL REPORTS.

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHART	TITLE	Copyright Owner, Manufacturer, Catalog Number	Principal Performers	Year of Release	Genre
				*** NO. 1 ***			
1	1	1	SINGLE WHITE FEMALE	Columbia TriStar Home Video 51439	Brigitte Fondak Jason Lee Leigh	1992	R
2	6	2	UNLAWFUL ENTRY	FoxVideo 1977	Kurt Russell Jill Clayburgh	1992	R
3	2	6	RAISING CAIN	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 81205	Jerry Lathrop Linda Coslovich	1992	R
4	6	6	BOOMERANG	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 32717	Edie Murphy Robert Green	1992	R
6	NEW	1	DEATH BECOMES HER	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 81279	Myli Saraf Gael García	1992	PG-13
6	6	6	HOUSESITTER	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 81280	Solvej Martin Gordon Hagan	1992	PG
2	11	2	NO MONEY	Columbia TriStar Home Video 51315-5	Dan Aykroyd	1992	R
6	10	10	PATRIOT GAMES	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 32530	Harrison Ford Anne Archer	1992	R
3	2	2	HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID	Walt Disney Home Video 1371	Rick Moranis Ricki Moris	1992	PG
10	7	7	DIGSTOWN	MGM/UA Home Video 9052682	James Woods Louis Gossett Jr.	1992	R
11	6	6	A STRANGER AMONG US	Hollywood Pictures Hollywood Home Video	Melanie Lynskey Eric Thal	1992	PG-13
16	10	10	LETHAL WEAPON 3	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 12475	Mel Gibson Danny Glover	1992	R
16	16	6	3 MENIUS	Touchstone Pictures Touchstone Home Video	Vincent Wong	1992	PG
16	18	18	SISTER ACT	Touchstone Pictures Touchstone Home Video 1452	Whoopi Goldberg Harvey Keitel	1992	PG
16	18	18	UNIVERSAL SOLDIER	Carroll Home Video Live Home Video 69032	Vanessa Williams Doug Linder	1992	R
16	18	18	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER	FoxVideo 1972	Kristy Swanson Lance Leventhal	1992	PG-13
16	18	18	MAN TROUBLE	FoxVideo 1576	Jack Nicholson Ellen Barkin	1992	PG-13
16	18	18	POISON IVY	New Line Home Video MGM/UA Home Video 76633	Eric Roberts Tom Cruise	1992	R
16	18	18	FAR AND AWAY	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 81287	Tom Cruise Nicola Pignone	1992	PG-13
20	11	4	PRELUDE TO A KISS	FoxVideo 1971	Ally Sheedy Ally Sheedy	1992	PG-13
21	11	11	SASIS INSTINCT	Carroll Home Video Live Home Video 69015	Michael Douglas Sandra Snice	1992	R
22	22	10	MY COUSIN VINNY	FoxVideo 1176	Joe Pesci Marisa Tomei	1992	R
23	NEW	1	THE WATERGATE	Columbia TriStar Home Video 91243	Wesley Snipes Eric Stoltz	1992	R
16	16	6	TWIN PEAKS: FIRE WALK WITH ME	New Line Home Video MGM/UA Home Video 75643	Kyle MacLachlan Michael Ontkean	1992	R
25	NEW	1	STEPHEN KING'S IT	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 12310	Richard Thomas John Fiedler	1992	R
25	NEW	1	A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN	Columbia TriStar Home Video 51273-5	Tori Spelling Julia Roberts	1992	PG
22	20	6	INSIDE OUT 4	Playboy Home Video U.S. Dist. Corp. JF07075	Various Artists	1992	R
23	6	6	STAY TUNED	Megacorp Productions Inc. Warner Home Video 12559	John Belushi John D'Amico	1992	PG
25	NEW	1	MOM AND DAD SAVE THE WORLD	HSD Video	Teri Davis Jeffrey Jones	1992	PG
30	23	4	STORYVILLE	Columbia TriStar Home Video 92363	John Belushi John D'Amico	1992	R
31	28	5	WHERE THE DAY TAKES YOU	Cineart Films Inc. Columbia TriStar Home Video 92683	Sean Astin Lisa Cullen	1992	R
32	35	17	THE CUTTING EDGE	MGM/UA Home Video 9052315	Greg Kinnear Mary McCormack	1992	PG
33	24	16	FRIED GREEN TOMATOES	Fried Green Tomatoes Productions MCA/Universal Home Video 81229	Kathy Bates Mary McCormack	1991	PG-13
34	37	2	DEVIL	FoxVideo 0022688	Bryan Brown	1992	R
35	39	11	NIGHT ON EARTH	New Line Home Video Columbia TriStar Home Video 75633	Gary Trousdale Lance Leventhal	1992	R
36	32	15	DEEP COVER	New Line Home Video Columbia TriStar Home Video 75513	Larry Finkbeiner Jeff Goldblum	1992	R
37	6	6	CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS: THE DISCOVERER	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 12592	Tom Selleck Burt Reynolds	1992	PG-13
38	27	2	WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD	New Line Home Video Columbia TriStar Home Video 75703	Heather Graham John Davis	1992	PG
39	37	17	BEAUTY AND THE BEAST	Walt Disney Home Video 12535	Animated	1991	G
40	31	8	CLASS ACT	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 12530	Kurt W. Ray	1992	PG-13

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Rentrac Reports Third-Quarter Loss

■ BY DON JEFFREY

NEW YORK—Rentrac Corp., the pay-per-view home video distributor, reports that the costs of starting up operations in Europe resulted in a loss for the third quarter.

Revenues declined because of the revenues available to Rentrac in the quarter were not rented as frequently as those in the previous year. For the three months that ended Dec. 31, Portland, Ore.-based Rentrac reports a net loss of \$695,000 compared with a profit of \$551,424 in the same period the year before. Revenues fell 1.2% to \$143 million from \$145 million.

But if it were not for the European startup and other expansion costs, Rentrac should have reported a profit

in the third quarter of \$273,250. Finance VP Karl Wetzel says, "We got a little better on our margins."

Under pay-per-transmission, Rentrac shares revenues with retailers and the studios that supply video. In general, the economics of PPT are as follows: On a \$2.50 rental, the retailer keeps \$1.25 and gives Rentrac \$1.25. Rentrac keeps 25 cents and returns \$1 to the studio. The basic profit margin is 20%.

Rentrac says that 2,612 retail stores have active participants in the PPT system as of Dec. 31. And about 150 video suppliers—including Focus Video and MCA/Universal—release titles through Rentrac.

The company has exported the concept to Japan through a joint venture that appears to be paying off. In the third quarter, Rentrac Japan booked a net profit of \$63,489 on a 37% increase in revenues to \$8.25 million. The U.S. company owns one-third of the venture.

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war, like the battle between Beta and VHS, forms the cost of developing new technologies.

"It's getting very, very expensive for companies to do it by themselves," says Hiroshi Hashimoto, an electronics industry analyst at Kinkiwest Securities in Tokyo office. "It's ultimately confusing for the consumers they're trying to market to."

Sony and Matsushita dismiss a Nihon Keizai Shinbun newspaper report that digital machines could be available by late 1994.

The Nihon Keizai Shinbun story speculated that the new format will feature tapes between 6mm and 8mm wide, be capable of recording four hours of standard TV or two hours of high-definition TV, and be adaptable for all HDTV systems. Those details could not be confirmed at press time.

Both Sony and Matsushita say copyright issues raised by a digital video recording haven't been discussed. No software companies are yet involved in the standards discussions, according to Sony.

The Electronic Industries Assn. of Japan estimates the digital VCR market will be worth 700 billion yen (\$5.77 billion) annually in Japan by the year 2000.

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CHILD'S PLAY

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Scargo And The Birthday Pumpkin," told by Geena Davis with music by Michael Hedges; and "Procecho," told by Danny Aiello, with music by Les Miserables. Both children's releases, \$9.95 titles are available March 10.

Video Treasures, Troy, Mich., has unveiled "The Expert Father" (45 minutes, \$19.98), which examines pregnancy from the male perspective. The program includes observation from cesarean and noncesarean data alike, and is based on the book of the same name by Dr. Marshall H. Roth. Contributors include Ed Asner, Joan Alexander of "Seinfeld," A. Martinez of "L.A. Law," and football star Willie Gault. A portion of the proceeds is being donated to the March of Dimes. Nine new volumes of DIC Toon-Time Video (\$9.98) and two volumes of DIC Top Videos (\$12.98), distributed by Blanton Children's Entertainment/BMG Kids,

PARAMOUNT FORMS NEW TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

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will be the launching of several interactive Paramount CD-ROM titles this spring and summer. Another could be the expansion of a virtual reality trial that Paramount has scheduled for two retail locations.

The Technology Group, established in December, will research and develop multimedia programs, interactive video, electronic books, and interactive TV. It will also coordinate the development and publishing contracts, including Paramount Pictures, Simon & Schuster, Madison Square Garden, and Paramount Parks.

The new division, which is on an equal corporate footing with Paramount Pictures, is based in Palo Alto, Calif., and headed by Keith Schaefer, former CEO of Paramount's Computer Curriculum Co. Prior to joining Paramount, Schaefer served as a senior VP with NEC Technologies and Atari. While at NEC, he helped launch the Turbo Territory CD-ROM game system.

"We're digitizing some of the best content in the company to make inter-

Rentrac started operating in Europe late last year. There are no revenues yet because "we are still in negotiation with the key retailers there and the key suppliers," says Wetzel. Another source adds that startup costs have been higher than expected.

The company also incurred \$250,000 in development costs in the third quarter for its newly formed chain store division, which is attempting to get supermarkets as part of its network. In the third quarter, Rentrac also booked an \$80,000 loss from two small software development companies it acquired two years ago.

For the nine months that ended Dec. 31, total revenues rose 4.7% to \$36.5 million from \$34.8 million the year before, while the net loss widened to \$104,767 from \$58,984. The company's stock closed recently at \$5.87 a share in an over-the-counter trading, nearly 30% below its 52-week high.

Active multimedia products that will be sold in the consumer marketplace under the Paramount brand name," says Schaefer. "Such breakthroughs as digitizing, data compression, and networking are creating new platforms and markets for Paramount's vast library of entertainment and publishing copyrights."

The new Technology Group VPs include Susan Amato, former VP of Paramount's advanced media group and co-founder of Apple's Multimedia Lab, and Bruce Churchill, former VP of financial planning for Paramount Pictures.

"Every one of Paramount's operating units is being influenced, as we speak, by technology, which is changing at an accelerating rate. Paramount thought it was the best solution to centralize our technology efforts at the highest level of the company," says Schaefer, who has been named a VP of Paramount Communications.

"What we will do is become experts in several areas of technology that can be transferred down to Paramount's

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nearly 10 times the norm for PPV events, he noted. "It's difficult," Bishop added, "to see that there would be a suspension of windows or collapsing of the home video window."

And while PPV has an attractive "convenience factor, that will be enough to change human behavior in the aggregate," Bishop asked, "My guess is that it won't." You can't demolish the whole shopping experience, which in the last decade has become more than just means to get goods. It continues to be more of a leisure-time activity and will become more so.

"Of course, that will put pressure on the retailer to make shopping more enjoyable," he continued. "Thus, PPV won't knock out video as a new entertainment channel. Does it present new challenges for the video retailer? Absolutely."

Bishop also dispelled the threat to home video. "We don't really see any battle," he said. "There has been a lot of posturing but not a loss of money

coming in for these services."

"The key point is that video retailers are used to competing. We've always had competition. Sure, things will change in our business but retailers will change with it. By the time all this new technology rolls around, if it ever does, retailers will have new stores and new customers, more selections, more cash flow, and more marketing."

Castell noted that "last week, Blockbuster company-owned and franchised stores added \$4.71 in new revenues" to accounts, which will net down to about \$170,000. In 19 weeks, Blockbuster will equal \$2 million addressable homes." PPV's average annual gross per store or competition is not standing still."

Echoing Castell, van der Lee said home video retailers can add value by better embracing self-through and the rental sale of some of the newer home entertainment technologies such as video and computer games, now 7.6% of his revenues.

operating units," he continues. "New technologies are fast crumbling the walls that used to separate entertainment and publishing, our two major businesses."

"We can cut across traditional operating lines and integrate new technologies as they are appropriate. And by being there early, we can influence technologies that will affect our businesses."

A second division, Technology Council, will include senior executives from each of Paramount Communications' operating units. It will evaluate movie, TV, and book projects for their potential in terms of multimedia, video games, and other applications.

Strategic Investments, headed by Bruce Churchill, will seek alliances, and form co-ventures with companies outside of Paramount that are involved with new technologies. Close ties have already been formed with Apple, Microsoft, and the U.S. video market.

The fourth division is New Ventures, which plans to create movie-companies that will implement new technologies, such as consumer products developed by the company.

In contrast to Paramount, Time Warner until now has taken a more decentralized approach towards new media by establishing separate arms such as the New Line Media Group, released CD-ROM titles, and the Quantum cable project in Queens, New York. It, too, has ties to the new 300 company.

Most other entertainment giants are still in the "wait and see" phase regarding multimedia and interactive TV. Schaefer emphasizes that, in any respect, the digital revolution is already

ready here. "More revenue is being generated now from multimedia electronic reference materials than from bound encyclopedias," he notes.

Paramount's first CD-ROM titles, due this summer, will be launched in Italy in the Macintosh and Windows platforms. The program content will at first be educational or "enhancement," but the sale of some of the newer home entertainment technologies will soon follow, says Schaefer.

The debut CD-ROM release, set for the spring, will be Richard Scary's "Bewitched," a children's title that describes the life of the witch. The "skills and important concepts about getting along with other people. In the summer will come two Smithsonian titles: "Virtual Bunker," in which the viewer "becomes" one of six animals and explores different biographies, and "Amazonia," which is about a family living in the rain forest environment.

Also due is the "Bevor Books" series, in which children can either read a book or be read to, plus an interactive children's encyclopedia that will define words and illustrate them with visuals. Interactive travel and special-interest programs may be developed for platforms such as Apple's upcoming Newton, a handheld device that is referred to as a PDA or "personal digital assistant."

And Paramount is currently experimenting with two virtual reality installations based on the "Star Trek" TV shows and movies. The best thing will be in mall locations operated by the Edison Brothers company.

As for interactive television, Schaefer says, "The industry certainly appears to be heading toward on-line data bases, be it with telephone or cable companies. These digital highways will create whole new businesses, and we need to learn how to package our content."

"We are platform-neutral" in multimedia, he adds. "At Paramount, we're not tied to any one medium—books, TV, and other around, and we want to re-purpose our software and intellectual properties in many platforms to entertain, educate, and challenge the consumer."

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MARQUEE VALUES

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Sally, desperate to reassemble her life after her husband (Sydney Pollack) runs off with a younger woman, Allen uses an artful blend of jarring editing, documentary interviews, and cinema verité jump-cut techniques to tell this emotionally complex, neurotically funny urban tale. Scandals notwithstanding, Allen fans will count this among his greatest.

"Consenting Adults" (1992), R, Hollywood Pictures Home Video, prebooks March 22.

Kevin Kline is a commercial-jingle songwriter who's made fast friends with his intense, hard-driving neighbor Kevin Spacey. Spacey involves Kline in an insurance plot, and soon seems to be encouraging Kline to have an affair with his sultry wife, Rebecca Miller. Although Kline—like many yuppies in recent thrillers—loses himself to the charms of someone who would give anyone else the creeps, it's hard to guess why his wife, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, would forget her initial suspicions of Spacey. Viewers won't feel much sympathy for Kline as he slips deeper into trouble, and will

remain unmoved when he's thrown a lifeline by investigator Forrester Whitaker. The strong cast of this near-only thriller is a far greater attraction than its overplayed sex angle.

"Journey To Spirit Island" (1992), PG, Storyline/Academy Entertainment, prebooks March 18.

This tale of folkloric adventure set in northeastern Native American community is the newest release on Academy's "family-oriented" Storyline label. An adolescent Indian girl (Bettina) dreams of her shamanic ancestor and of Spirit Island, an ancient burial ground slated for development as a resort. She and her three young companions must use their resourcefulness to defend Spirit Island. (Lots of movies like to portray ruthless development on sacred ground when a more relevant question is why they're going to put the casino.) Boys probably won't be turned off by this central female character, but kids in general may get away with skipping the movie's scary, despite the beauty of Vianne Zeigler's camerawork.

"The Return Of Spinal Tap" (1993), not rated, MPI Home Video, prebooks March 15.

Spinal Tap, the World's Worst Rock'n'Roll Band, plays London's Royal Albert Hall in what's more a comic concert performance than an actual sequel to Rob Reiner's 1984 mock-rockumentary. "This Is Spinal Tap" Tappsters David St. Hubbins, Nigel Tufnel, and Derek Smalls (Michael McKean, Christopher Guest, and Harry Shearer) still epitomize the dopest excesses of rock'n'roll in general and heavy metal in particular with overblown (and trouble-prone) stagecraft, dumb-looking customized guitars, and pointless sword-and-sorcery imagery. Tap tunes like "Sex Farm," "Break Like The Wind," "Stonehenge," and "Tonight I'm Gonna Rock You Tonight" are broken up by hilarious interviews with the band, as well as with Reiner, Fred Willard, Paul Shaffer, and Jane Chadwick, who revive their characters from the original Spinal Tap film.

With a built-in fan base that bests many real rock bands, this should be a high-volume success.

"Traces Of Red" (1992), R, HBO Video, prebooks March 18.

The title—and apparently boring—rich of Palm Beach populate this noirish thriller narrated by a cop (James Belushi) who gets killed during the opening credits. A Belushi-led detective of a sometime sex partner of Belushi, and how he slowly begins to suspect his on-and-off girlfriend Lorraine Bracco, a sexy society hostess whose speech patterns seem modeled after Ivana Trump's. Complicating matters is Belushi's brother, an image-conscious politician, and Belushi's partner, who may fall prey to Bracco's wife. After a few faded sexual episodes, Belushi's family secrets come out and the plot takes unexpected twists that would have been more suspenseful if the characters were more interesting. Should be most enjoyable for can-congoes-the-ending mystery fans.

"Revenge Of The Nerds III: The Next Generation" (1993), not rated, FoxVideo, prebooks March 18.

As with the grating "Police Academy" films, viewers may wonder how "Revenge Of The Nerds" ever worked its way up to III, but once more Adams College has become a Geeks vs. Greeks battleground. ("And this time," the ads should say, "for no plausible reason.") Nerd-baiting stage trustee Morton Downey Jr., mobilizes the jock-fest against its bespectacled, pocket-protector-pled. The bespectled nerds soon turn to sounding nerd Robert Carradine for help, but he's rejected his roots for a life of "cool." Although somewhat politically incorrect, the movie's thoroughgoing equation of "nerd rights" with other human rights movements provides its rare laughs. Lacking an "Airplane"-like spate of gags to counteract its mass-produced characters, "Revenge III" leaves one worrying about the anticipated "Revenge IV."

STORE MONITOR

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getting dirty or damaged.

Robertson himself has gained the middle level of "Star Fox" and aspires to conquering all three. Nintendo has its army of researchers on the phone 24 hours a day. "The only reason it's not 24 hours is that we need time to adjust our computers," he says.

The Nintendo road show will visit Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Dallas, Phoenix, San Diego, and San Francisco.

TAKING EXCEPTION: Now that the first Excitement Video has hit the West Coast, has opened, owner Paul Fishbein is breathing easier about the company's adult video retailing. "We've had two stores in Philadelphia

for a number of years, but we feel with the store in the Valley we're breaking new ground."

For one thing, the adult industry has been going through what Fishbein and others describe as an obscenity crisis. When merchants in a Northridge, Calif., strip learned exactly what Excitement Video would be offering, "they very positively told us they were uncomfortable," Fishbein says.

In the end, Fishbein and his partners moved, with the shipping center paying all expenses. "They bought us out of our lease. Everything was going well until they came in and saw the product on the wall," says Fishbein, who is also publisher and editor of Adult Video News.

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Top Special Interest Video Sales™

Compiled from a national sample of retail store sales reports.					Compiled from a national sample of retail store sales reports.				
THIS WEEK 1-15 LAST WEEK 8-15	TITLE Program Supplier, Catalog Number		Percentage Last Week		THIS WEEK 1-15 LAST WEEK 8-15	TITLE Program Supplier, Catalog Number		Percentage Last Week	
★ ★ No. 1 ★ ★					★ ★ No. 1 ★ ★				
1	2	35	NBA DREAM TEAM FoxVideo (CBS) Fox 5616	14.9%	1	1	19	CINDY CRAWFORD/SHAPE YOUR BODY FoxVideo GoodTimes Home Video 7032	13.9%
2	3	70	NBA SUPERSTARS FoxVideo (CBS) Fox 2288	14.9%	2	2	15	CHERTSWORTH: POWER CONFIDENCE FoxVideo (CBS) Fox 7577	13.5%
3	1	27	NFL ROCKS PolyGram Video 085-279-3	13.9%	3	3	35	KATHY SMITH'S STEP WORKOUT PolyGram (MCA) M32 3001	13.9%
4	6	11	PRO FOOTBALL'S HOTTEST CHEERLEADERS PolyGram Video 4400-55413	13.9%	4	6	3	RICHARD SIMMONS: SWEAT TO THE OLDS 2 GoodTimes Home Video 9304	13.9%
5	4	11	HIDDEN NFL IN THE LOCKER ROOM TAPES PolyGram Video 4400-54373	13.9%	5	4	131	RICHARD SIMMONS: SWEAT TO THE OLDS © Warner Home Video 616	13.9%
6	10	48	MAGIC JOHNSON: ALWAYS SHOWNITE FoxVideo (CBS) Fox 3119	13.9%	6	11	27	STEP REEBOK: THE VIDEO PolyGram Video 284783	13.9%
7	18	172	MICHAEL JORDAN: COME FLY WITH ME ★ PolyGram (CBS) Fox 2173	13.9%	7	13	23	JANE FONDA'S STEP-AEROBIC WORKOUT A/Vision Entertainment 250333	13.9%
8	7	15	NBA COMMERCIAL VIDEO COLLECTION PolyGram (CBS) Fox 542	13.9%	8	6	17	CHERTSWORTH: A NEW ATTITUDE FoxVideo (CBS) Fox 7577	13.9%
9	8	105	MICHAEL JORDAN'S PLAYGROUND PolyGram Video (CBS) Fox 2636	13.9%	9	17	45	ARS OF STEEL WITH TAMI LEE WEBB The Master Group TMG132	13.9%
10	RE-ENTR		FOOTBALL FOLLOWS FoxVideo	13.9%	10	7	148	ANGELA LANSBURY: POSITIVE MOVES Warner Home Video W10116	13.9%
11	5	128	NFL CRUNCH COURSE PolyGram Video	13.9%	11	30	45	ARS OF STEEL 2 WITH TAMI LEE WEBB The Master Group TMG133	13.9%
12	RE-ENTR		LARRY BIRD: A BASKETBALL LEGEND PolyGram (CBS) Fox 3191	13.9%	12	13	15	AMU/ CALLANETICS MCA Universal Home Video 81258	13.9%
13	25	35	HISTORY OF THE NBA PolyGram (CBS) Fox 2857	13.9%	13	12	15	MARVIL HENNER'S GANCEROLICS Bar Entertainment 11208	13.9%
14	NEW		THE SECRET NBA PolyGram (CBS) Fox 2173	13.9%	14	5	57	BUNS OF STEEL 3 WITH TAMI LEE WEBB The Master Group TMG134	13.9%
15	19	21	NFL COUNTRY PolyGram Video 4402-25491-3	13.9%	15	16	97	BUNS OF STEEL WITH GREG SMITHY The Master Group TMG11	13.9%
16	14	60	MAGIC JOHNSON: PUT MAGIC IN YOUR GAME PolyGram (CBS) Fox	13.9%	16	8	7	DIXIE CARTERS UNWORKOUT MCA Universal Home Video 81258	13.9%
17	13	33	NBA SUPERSTARS 2 PolyGram (CBS) Fox 5558	13.9%	17	25	25	BUNS OF STEEL 2 WITH TAMI LEE WEBB The Master Group TMG137	13.9%
18	16	5	THE NFL'S GREATEST RIVALRIES PolyGram Video 4400-54433	13.9%	18	72	72	BUNS OF STEEL 2, STEP WORKOUT The Master Group TMG11	13.9%
19	12	30	NFL'S GREATEST HITS PolyGram Video	13.9%	19	18	15	LEGOS OF STEEL WITH TAMI LEE WEBB The Master Group TMG141	13.9%
20	9	9	NFL GOES MOTOWN PolyGram Video 4400-54493-3	13.9%	20	15	335	CALLANETICS © MCA Universal Home Video 81259	13.9%

◆ If a title gained circulation of 125,000 units or a dollar volume of \$5 million or more, the percentage remained program, 25,000 units and \$1 million at suggested retail for noncommercial titles. ◆ If a title gained circulation of less than 250,000 units or a dollar volume of \$1 million or more for noncommercial releases, or 50,000 units or \$2 million at suggested retail for noncommercial titles. © 1993 Billboard Inc. All Communications.

THE <i>WEEKLY</i> REPORTER TOP 10 WEEKLY MOVIE GROSSES				
THIS WEEK PICTURE (GROSS)	NO. OF SITES GROSS	WEEK END GROSS	WEEK END GROSS	TOTAL GROSS (%)
1 Groundhog Day (Columbia)	9,330-577	1,735	1	26,402,100
2 Home Alone (Buena Vista)	6,593-201	1,352	2	16,357,766
3 Somewhere (Warner Bros.)	5,825-345	1,762	2	27,843,189
4 The Crying Game (MCA)	5,210-415	1,363	12	21,471,575
5 Aladdin (Buena Vista)	4,471-175	1,707	13	179,260,441
6 Army of Darkness (Universal)	4,424-535	1,287	—	4,424,535
7 Loaded Weapon 1 (New Line Cinema)	2,976-002	1,063	2	21,325,161
8 Scimit of a Woman (Universal)	2,305-445	1,208	8	41,723,159
9 Untamed Heart (MCA)	2,761-192	1,123	1	7,600,765
10 A Few Good Men (Columbia)	2,329-315	1,324	10	128,902,665



Totally New York. KFOG-FM San Francisco's morning man Jim Lange, left, recently made the trip to New York to broadcast live from the Museum of Television & Radio, where guest Tony Bonnett joined him.

Classic Country Stations Fill Niche Claim Fans Of Currents, Standards Mix

■ BY ERIC BOEHLERT

NEW YORK—When country great Ray Acuff died last year, some commentators took mainstream country radio to task, complaining that, in its current rush to be contemporary, the format had turned its back on Acuff and other Nashville legends.

For the most part, that charge is accurate. But if those critics had looked, or listened, more closely, they would have discovered that while mainstream and burgeoning hot country stations battle over the musical direction of country radio, more and more traditional outlets—spinning plenty of Marty Robbins, Loretta Lynn, and Roger Miller—are quietly staking out niches for themselves.

It's stuff you really don't hear

on country radio anymore," says KYGO-AM Denver PD Chuck St. John, describing the station, which has been classic country for the last five years.

Exact figures on numbers of traditional stations are not available, partly because defining traditional

listeners "are turned off by what radio and record companies are trying to push off as country music today. There is a lot of good new country music. But a lot of it, too, I consider frustrated rock music."

As Connor claims, along with those testing the pop waters are embracing traditional sounds. "Real Country" Murphy points to the music of Alan Jackson, Randy Travis, and Mark Chesnut as examples. "A lot of that sounds good next to Patsy Cline," agrees KYGO's St. John, who mentions that recent ballads, such as Trisha Yearwood's "Walk away Joe," translate best to his format.

Programmers are quick to point out that, unlike oldies and classic rock formats, traditional country does not exist in a time warp. Current releases make up between 10% and 35% of traditional rotations, depending on the station.

Programmers say that's because listeners tell them, through research, that they like the old standards but they don't want to hear them constantly. "Real Country" has cut back on the number of Grand Ole Opry acts it plays over the last three years to avoid burnout. KOWA's playlist is much looser. PD Connor tries to play the same song more than once every three days.

Just as rotations vary within traditional country, so, too, do the tags used to describe the stations. SMN's "Real Country" was first known as "Traditional Country," but research showed that listeners instantly associated that name with "old." So the overall image the network was shooting for. For Connor in Las Vegas, "Country and Western" best describes the sound of KOWA. And "Country Classics" is the moniker St. John opts for in Denver.

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Two or three formats doing the same things is too many in a market

listeners and rotations is open to interpretation. Their numbers are increasing, though, simply because the subcategory did not exist until recently. After all, before traditional and hot country, there was simply country. But as the format's audience ballooned and fragmentation began, broadcasters looked to preserve more specific audiences.

Those aiming for younger listeners have received plenty of press and industry attention mostly due to the stations' FM homes and their ability to break new artists (Billboard, Oct. 31, 1992).

The traditional stations, though, often on AM, appeal to a smaller and less glamorous demographic: 35-plus. That audience is made up of listeners who "don't understand why they don't hear Conway Twitty on the radio anymore," says Jim Murphy, PD of Satellite Music Network's traditional "Real Country" format, which is heard on more than 100 stations.

It's those type of listeners, say several programmers, who welcome familiar artists and are turned off by some of the increasingly pop-sounding records coming out of Nashville. "I'd call it a backlash," says Murphy.

Charlie Connor, PD at KOWA (The Cow) Las Vegas, says his lis-

limiting radio and TV advertising for state lotteries.

In a friend-of-the-court brief, NAB argued that the controls violate First Amendment principles. Currently, news outlets can only carry advertising for state-operated lotteries, and only if they are located in a state with its own legal lottery, even though many station signals cross state borders.

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Broadcast Execs Hold Meeting In D.C.

■ BY BILL HOLLAND

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Broadcasting group executives exchanged views on duopoly, digital audio broadcasting, and station cost-cutting measures at the annual National Assn. of Broadcasters Group Head Fly-In Feb. 22-23 at the Marriott Hotel here.

According to participants attending the closed-door session, the focus was on lessons learned in duopoly deals from what one source called "the first stage" of the local marketing agreement phenomenon that developed as the recession made it too difficult for many stations to buy new properties.

"We've made some good deals and we've made some mistakes along the way," said another attendee. "This fly-in was about swapping stories and advice about do's and don'ts."

Also on the minds of group execs was getting DAB in-band system manufacturers to offer a completed, tested system "as soon as possible," and pushing for industry commitment in order to lessen competition with satellite DAB.

The NAB members also held roundtable discussions on cost-cutting measures, possible new revenue streams, and sales promotion ideas.

SAFE HARBOR DECISION STAYED

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. circuit has stayed the FCC's new congressionally-enacted mid-night-to-6 a.m. safe harbor rules for indecent broadcasts pending judicial review.

Unclear to broadcasters at this point is whether the injunction means the commission will revert to its previous safe harbor hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Also unclear is whether the injunction will prevent sanctions against programs broadcast outside the safe harbor hours, such as the nationally syndicated Howard Stern show, that can prove they

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do not attract an appreciable number of listeners under age 12.

SUPREME COURT SHOULD SAY NO

The NAB says the Supreme Court should reject federal controls

Peel Launches Show In U.S.; U.K. DJ Pushes Pop Horizons

■ BY CARRIE BORZILLO

LOS ANGELES—Legendary British DJ John Peel, whose "Peel Sessions" CDs and BBC Radio One show "Top Gear" helped launch many alternative bands in the U.K., will begin an alternative show for the U.S. titled "PEEL Out In The States" this month.

Since September 1967, Peel has invited his favorite alternative bands, usually those overlooked by the mainstream, to record new songs or, or rework singles in a BBC studio. The "Peel Sessions" are distributed by the British label Strange Fruit Records for release in the U.K. and the U.S.

"PEEL Out In The States" will be a half-hour 24-program series, offered either weekly for six months or biweekly for 12 months, and syndicated by Company 8, the marketing division of the New York-based In Press Communications.

The show will feature cuts from unsigned bands' demo tapes or signed acts' album tracks as well as some brief commentary from Peel.

"PEEL Out In The States" is being offered free of charge to 300 commercial and college stations. The show is sponsored by show chain Na Na, known for its inventory of Doe

Martens.

Affiliates include: KXLU Los Angeles, WGBR Chicago, KNON Dallas, and KZOK-AM Seattle.

"Like 'Top Gear' the show is meant to go beyond the horizons of pop," says In Press president Ellen Bello. "[Peel] looks for something that's different and pleasing to his own ears."

While there are other alternative shows offered in the U.S., Bello says "PEEL Out In The States" is different because of its host, who is credible and widely respected.

According to Bello, "He has been credited for launching the careers of Jimi Hendrix, David Bowie, the Doors, Pink Floyd, the Smiths, the Cure, New Order, Teenage Fanclub, Sonic Youth, 10,000 Maniacs, and others."

Apparently artists are thankful to Peel for the exposure. Says Helmut Front aus Page Hamilton in a statement: "If John's show came to the States it would be a positive thing instead of depending on MTV for the hip new thing, we would have an alternative in the real sense of the word 'alternative.' As a matter of fact, we could make John the Casey Kasem of alternative music."

"PEEL Out In The States" will highlight all forms of alternative music. (Continued on page 79)



Words Of Advice. Brit Michaels of Poison, left, stopped by WZLX Indianapolis to help jock Jammin' John Trout perform an Emergency Broadcast System test.

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Alternative-Music Networks Aim To Net Modern-Rockers

LOS ANGELES—Syndicated modern-rock shows have proved to be successful over the past two years. Now, two separate syndicators are trying to find out if an alternative-music network is a viable programming idea as well.

The Minneapolis-based National Alternative Network recently introduced its four shows to programmers at the Gavin Seminar in San Francisco. It will be competing with the 2-year-old Post Modern Radio Network, which debuted three shows in 1991 and two more in spring 1992.

However, the only similarities between the two networks are their Midwest homelands and the fact that both use the term "network" loosely, since neither delivers programming on satellite.

NAN's shows include "Radiolisa" for album rock stations, "Big Bang" for top 40 stations, and "Radio Perimeter" and "Radio Imports" for modern-rock and dance stations. All are hour-long weekly music and interview shows offered on a barter basis.

While "Radiolisa" and "Big Bang" play familiar artists, such as Alice in Chains, Nirvana, Beastie Boys, and U2, "Radio Perimeter" and "Radio Imports" are a lot more adventurous musically.

"These two shows play more obscure stuff," says host and director of music programming Kevin Cole, who is a DJ at Minneapolis' famed First Avenue club.

"Radio Perimeter" is billed as "these club music mixed to the point of insanity," says Cole. It will include acts such as Praga Kahn, Mob, Underground Resistance, Messiah, and Digable Planets.

"Radio Imports" spotlights music from European bands, and some U.S. bands that Americans may not be turned on to yet," Cole adds. "We'll also play rare stuff from the Smiths, early Bazooka from the 'ripural Search' EP, and Sex Pistols B sides."

"This is just the first phase," says NAN president Jack Smith, former KUJO (K/100) Minneapolis GM. "The next phase is to be a full-service, live program network. The plan is to offer a 500-line for controlling to build a database for a newsletter and to offer merchandising and promotions for stations."

Smith says the company has just begun talking to programmers and hasn't yet signed any affiliates. For its part, the Post Modern Radio Network claims approximately 60 affiliates for its five shows.

PMRN bowed the one-hour weekly top-five countdown "The PM Weekly," an origins and roots show called "Modern Roots," and the Christian alternative-music show "The Gut Level Music Show" in 1991. Last spring the network added "The Lighter Side," a weekly show for AC and adult alternative stations, and "600 Seconds," a 10-minute daily nonformat-specific feature.

The shows are offered on digital airtelnet, but cassettes or reels of the shows also are available. Glenn Conley (aka Bobby Miller), head of the network and host of "The PM Weekly"

and "600 Seconds," says he doesn't want to go satellite with the network.

"We really don't want to go to a major syndicator," he says. "Our philosophy is just like a small, hard-working band. Their audience will stay with them forever. These bands haven't gotten the attention radio should have given them, but they sell out shows anyway because of their loyal following."

"By having the same mindset as these bands," adds Conley, "then we expect our stations to be loyal too. And so far we haven't lost a station."

Some of the stations taking one or more of PMRN's programs are album rock KRAB Bakersfield, Calif., top 40 WMVZ Gainesville, Fla., and modern-



by Carrie Borzillo

rock KPNT St. Louis.

PMRN's most unique shows are "The Lighter Side" and "The Gut Level Music Show."

The unprevented "Gut Level" program, hosted by Joel Hagan and Dave Steiner, features such Christian alternative acts as King's X, Prayer Chain, and Undercover. It is targeted toward top 40, album, and modern-rock stations.

"The Lighter Side" aims to present "thought-provoking, steady, unfriendly" artists such as Enya and the Indigo Girls to AC and adult alternative stations.

"We wanted to do something like this," Conley adds, "because this music has been chested [out of airplay] long enough. If discs hadn't happened in the '70s, then modern rock would be the mainstream today instead of Madonna or Paula Abdul."

Prior to starting the network, Conley had set up Maryville Link's radio station.

CBS HISPANIC NET EXPANSION

CBS Hispanic Radio Network adds its first regularly scheduled, full-hour show, "Deportes CBS," Monday (1). The three-minute sports wrapup show will air Monday through Friday and is hosted by sports announcer Jaime Jarrin.

The growing network debuted in 1990 offering Spanish-language broadcasts of Major League Baseball's All-Star Game and postseason broadcasts. In the past few years, it added postseason NFL game coverage, a holiday program, and an extensive public affairs program centered on the Presidential election.

Jarrin has been the Spanish voice of the Los Angeles Dodgers for years for AC and served as an announcer for CBS Hispanic Radio Network since its inception.

AROUND THE INDUSTRY

Zapnews and the New York Times Syndicate will distribute religious and
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Hot Adult Contemporary™

WEEK	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	WKS ON CHART	TITLE (ARTIST & RECORD/DISTRIBUTING LABEL)	ARTIST
(1)	2	2	16	FOREVER IN LOVE (Kenny G) 1-2485	◆ KENNY G 1 week at No. 1
2	1	1	16	A WHOLE NEW WORLD (Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle) COLUMBIA 1-2485	◆ PEAPO BRYSON & REGINA BELLE
(3)	5	10	5	SIMPLE LIFE (Elton John) COLUMBIA 1-2485	◆ ELTON JOHN
4	4	5	11	NO MISTAKES (Patty Smyth) COLUMBIA 1-2485	◆ PATTY SMYTH
(5)	9	15	5	I SEE YOUR SMILE (Patricia Richardson) COLUMBIA 1-2485	◆ GLORIA ESTEFAN
6	3	3	18	FATHFUL (Go West) COLUMBIA 1-2485	◆ GO WEST
7	7	6	12	IRRESISTIBLE (Cathy Dennis) (MCA) 1-2485	◆ CATHY DENNIS
8	6	4	15	WHEN SHE CRIES (Roxanne Regan) (MCA) 1-2485	◆ REXHIE DENNIS
(9)	17	27	5	LOVE IS (Vanessa Williams & Brian McKnight) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ VANESSA WILLIAMS & BRIAN MCKNIGHT
(10)	11	14	9	REACH OUT (I'LL BE THERE) (Michael Bolton) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ MICHAEL BOLTON
(11)	18	19	7	ANGEL (Jon Secada) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ JON SECADA
(12)	12	13	12	IN THE STILL OF THE NITE (Boyz II Men) (Jive) 1-2485	◆ BOYZ II MEN
13	15	17	11	NEVER A TIME (Genesis) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ GENESIS
(14)	19	18	9	HOPE OF DELIVERANCE (Paul McCarty) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ PAUL MCCARTY
15	19	19	15	HEAL THE WORLD (Michael Jackson) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ MICHAEL JACKSON
16	5	9	10	LOVE CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS (Celine Dion) (Sony) 1-2485	◆ CELINE DION
POWER PICKS					
(17)	29	32	3	I HAVE NOTHING (Whitney Houston) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ WHITNEY HOUSTON
18	19	12	12	I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU (Whitney Houston) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ WHITNEY HOUSTON
(19)	24	21	9	COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN (Wendy Moten) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ WENDY MOTEN
(20)	23	22	9	SOMEBODY LOVE ME (Michael W. Smith) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ MICHAEL W. SMITH
21	17	18	11	FEELS LIKE HEAVEN (Peter Cetera (with Chaka Khan)) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ PETER CETERA (WITH CHAKA KHAN)
22	35	13	21	TELL THE TRUTH (Jude Cole) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ JUDE COLE
(23)	21	15	9	ORDINARY WORLD (Duran Duran) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ DURAN DURAN
24	15	21	21	THE LAST SONG (Elton John) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ ELTON JOHN
(25)	36	20	6	PASSIONATE KISSES (Marty O'Brien) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ MARTY O'BRIEN
(26)	36	20	6	TELL ME WHAT YOU DREAM (Restless Heart) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ RESTLESS HEART
27	20	22	21	DO YOU BELIEVE IN US (Jon Secada) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ JON SECADA
28	20	15	21	DOES LOVE NOT OPEN YOUR EYES (Nirvana) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ NIRVANA
29	26	27	21	FEEL LIKE A WOMAN (Whitney Houston) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ WHITNEY HOUSTON
30	29	25	24	IF I HAD A BODY (Michael Bolton) (A&M) 1-2485	◆ MICHAEL BOLTON
31	21	21	21	WALK ON THE OCEAN (Tina Turner) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ TINA TURNER
(32)	21	20	21	I DON'T KNOW WHY (Shawn Colvin) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ SHAWN COLVIN
33	28	19	21	NO ORDINARY LOVE (Sade) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ SADE
34	21	24	18	ALL AT ONCE (Bonnie Raitt) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ BONNIE RAITT
35	35	19	15	HAVE I TOLD YOU LATELY (Rod Stewart) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ ROD STEWART
36	35	33	13	CHAIRS AROUND MY HEART (Richard Marx) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ RICHARD MARX
37	23	36	36	SOMETHING LOVE JUST AIN'T ENOUGH (Patty Smyth) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ PATTY SMYTH
38	36	36	2	ONE STEP ON EARTH (Wynonna Judd) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ WYNONNA JUDD
(39)	44	3	1	IF I LOSE LOVE MY FAITH IN YOU (Sister)	◆ SISTER
(40)	46	—	2	I'LL NEVER GET OVER YOU (Exposé)	◆ EXPOSÉ
HOT SHOT DEBUT					
(41)	NEW	1	1	HOW FAST FOREVER GOES (Howard Hewitt) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ HOWARD HEWITT
(42)	46	—	2	MISS CHATELAIN (R.D. Lang) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ R.D. LANG
43	38	28	9	LIGHTS (Journey) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ JOURNEY
44	40	32	26	WALKING ON BROKEN GLASS (Aimee Lennox) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ AIMEE LENNOX
45	47	46	21	ALWAYS TOMORROW (Gloria Estefan) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ GLORIA ESTEFAN
(46)	NEW	1	1	WHAT YOU WON'T DO FOR LOVE (Go West) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ GO WEST
47	45	41	26	I WOULD BE HERE FOR YOU (Michael W. Smith) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ MICHAEL W. SMITH
48	42	42	26	WOULD I LIE TO YOU? (Charles & Eddie) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ CHARLES & EDDIE
49	48	45	14	IN THIS LIFE (Dolyn Ray) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ DOLYN RAY
50	42	42	15	NOT GONNA CHANGE (Shingai Sister) (Capitol) 1-2485	◆ SHINGAI SISTER

Records with the greatest airplay gains this week. * Indicates availability. © 1993, Billboard/SP Communications.

Billboard's

of the week

John Richards
WROO Jacksonville, Fla.



"ALL I AM is a PD that wears boots and tries to play great music and have a little fun," says WROO Jacksonville, Fla., PD John Richards. But that statement is unrealistically modest, because Richards is not only the PD of "Rooster Country 107," he also serves as the station's morning man and has OM duties at WROO and three other stations in the market: classic rock WAILA, N/T WZNZ, and sports outlet WNZS. With Richards wearing so many hats, it is no surprise his philosophy is to "try to work harder than anyone else in the building."

All four stations are owned by maverick broadcaster Bud Paxson, who Richards says is the driving force behind the station's push to be unique. WROO is perhaps the only station in the country with a station chant, "Hon Roo," which Richards says was Paxson's idea. "When he first ran that by me I said 'it will never work' but [now] we can't go out on a remote or concert without listeners giving us the thumbs up and saying 'Hon Roo.'" According to Richards, Paxson and GM Linda Byrd are fairly hands-off in the programming. "I just because of the confidence in the staff and the consultants [Rusty Walker], they have let us do our thing," he says. Richards is quick to add, however, "if we weren't so successful I think they would be a lot more hands-on."

Richards first began working in radio as the end of the "Urban Cowboy" fad, and he has seen the format through its decade-long state period and its phenomenal rebirth in the last few years. "There's been some talk that it has peaked," he says. "My personal feeling is it has not. There are some up-and-coming acts like John Michael Montgomery, Mark Chesnick, and Tracy Lawrence that will take the place of the Clint Black and Alan Jackson."

Richards has spent his entire radio career in the Jacksonville market, beginning in 1980 as a part-timer at WROO, which was playing country oldies at the time. A few months later, WCRJ (WCRJ's predecessor) debuted as a country station and he was hired there for evenings. After working about seven years and nearly every shift there, he went across the street to Jacor's country WQIK-FM as production director. Two years later, he returned to WCRJ as PD at the time the station was being sold to Paxson.

The new management team immediately got to work devising a strategic plan for the station's flip to WROO in December 1981. Since then, he says, "we had phenomenal growth in just about every demographic we care to think about."

In the fall Arbitron book, the station was up 6.8-8.7 and was third in the market overall. The market's leading station, WQIK-FM, was off 11.0-10.4.

WQIK is a difficult target because of its heritage in the

market, and the fact that parent Jacor has more spending power than Paxson, says Richards. "We're in an underdog situation here no matter how you look at it, from a money standpoint or a company standpoint," he adds. "It's like a small retail store going up against Sears." He notes, however, that "there is more going for two country stations."

The biggest differences between the two stations is in "overall attitude, not in terms of rock but just in terms of fun," Richards says. "In the presentation, there is a lot of work that goes into it. It's not something we just throw out there."

Another difference, Richards says, is that "we have been consistent in giving the [listeners] the younger country music artists [and] the mix they want. There is no question we share listeners, but our key is that we are a station people want to be associated with."

Musically, Richards describes the station as "hot, new, traditional country" with the heavy emphasis on "the artists with the tight jeans and firm buttocks."

Here's a recent afternoon hour: Wynonna Judd, "No One Else On Earth"; Clint Black, "When My Ship Comes In"; Randy Travis, "Deeper Than The Holler"; Lorie Morgan, "What Part Of No"; Alan Jackson, "Midnight In Montgomery"; Alabama, "There's No Way"; Reba McEntire and Vince Gill, "The Heart Won't Lie"; George Strait, "You Know Me Better Than That"; Tanya Boggs, "Drive South"; John Anderson, "Straight Tequila Night"; Trisha Yearwood, "The Woman Before Me"; and Marty Stuart, "High On A Mountain Top."

Promotionally, the station does no cash giveaways and runs few contests in an effort to differentiate itself from the competition. "We are more apt to give tickets away if listeners happen to call the radio station to say 'you're a great station.' It's more meaningful that way," Richards says. "We will occasionally do ticket giveaways [on the air] but it's not something we hang our hat on."

On the street, however, Richards says the station is "really aggressive—there is nobody in the market that can touch us." Staffers bring the 30-foot inflatable rooster mascot to events and also hire men from local gyms to play the part of the well-built mascot.

For Valentine's Day, the station ran an off-air promotion called "the great condom caper" and gave away Valentine cards including condoms inside and the message "In the '90s, just giving I love you is not enough."

The fall book succeeds plus WROO way ahead of schedule in the station's long-term strategic plan, according to Richards. "This is gravy to us because we weren't expecting to be here [so soon]."

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Album Rock Tracks

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#	Wk	Wks in chart	TRACK TITLE ALBUM TITLE (if any)	ARTIST UNUSUALLY HIGH PLACING
*** N 1 ***				
(1)	1	—	PRIDE AND JOY CROSS-GENRE	5 weeks at No. 1 ***COVERALPAGES CUTTER
(2)	2	3	TWO PRINCES	♣ SPIN DOCTORS ♣ JAY-Z
(3)	3	2	DON'T TEAR ME UP	♣ MICK JAGGER ♣ JAY-Z
4	4	1	WO'N'T GET FOOLED AGAIN W/ HALEN THE BROTHERS, BUCKLE UP	♣ VAN HALEN ♣ BUCKLE UP
(5)	8	5	MARK ON THE MOON THE BROTHERS, BUCKLE UP	♣ B.E.A.M. ♣ HALEN THE BROTHERS
6	5	4	BLACK	PEARL JAM
(7)	7	—	GOOD LOVIN'S HOW TO FIND	LYNYRD SKYNYRD ♣ JAY-Z
(8)	11	17	CAT'S IN THE HAT	♣ UGLEY KID ♣ JAY-Z
(9)	9	11	IF I EVER LOSE MY FAITH IN YOU	♣ STING ♣ JAY-Z
10	6	7	SOMETIMES SALTATION THE BLACK CROWDS ♣ JAY-Z ♣ THE BLACK CROWDS ♣ JAY-Z	♣ THE BLACK CROWDS ♣ JAY-Z
AIRPOWER				
(11)	28	—	DRIVEN BY YOU W/ JAY-Z	BRIAN MAY ♣ JAY-Z
(12)	15	21	TURN IT UP OR TURN IT OFF	♣ DRYVING N CRYING ♣ JAY-Z
13	10	14	SOMEBODY KNOCKIN' ♣ IZZY STRAGLIN/THE JU JH WALKERS	
(14)	17	26	DOWN ON ME THE BROTHERS, BUCKLE UP	♣ JACKYL ♣ JAY-Z
15	14	10	PULL ME UNDER W/ JAY-Z	♣ DREAM THEATER ♣ JAY-Z
16	13	13	THE I AM JAY-Z ♣ JAY-Z	♣ DAN BARGO ♣ JAY-Z
17	12	9	SOMEBODY TO SHOVE	♣ SOUL ASYLUM ♣ JAY-Z
18	10	6	MISTER PLEASE W/ JAY-Z	♣ DAMN YANKEES ♣ JAY-Z
19	16	22	ELEEN	♣ KEITH KROGINS ♣ JAY-Z
(20)	22	24	HEART OF AN ANGEL	THE JEFF HEALEY BAND ♣ JAY-Z
21	20	20	WAITING FOR THE SUN W/ JAY-Z	♣ THYATHRWS ♣ JAY-Z
(22)	30	32	COURAGE	♣ THE SINGHALLS ♣ JAY-Z
(23)	33	36	SHE GOT ME W/ JAY-Z	♣ MASTERS OF REALITY ♣ JAY-Z
24	21	16	STAND	♣ POISON ♣ JAY-Z
25	19	6	IN BLOOM	♣ NERVANA ♣ JAY-Z
26	27	29	RETURN TO SERENITY	TESTAMENT ♣ JAY-Z
27	28	25	BEO OF ROBES	♣ BON JOVI ♣ JAY-Z
(28)	31	30	HERE COMES TROUBLE	BAD COMPANY ♣ JAY-Z
FLASHMAKER				
(29)	NEW	1	LEAVE IT ALONE	♣ LYVING COLOUR ♣ JAY-Z
30	23	19	SAY HELLO 2 HEAVEN TEMPLE OF THE DOGS ♣ JAY-Z	TEMPLE OF THE DOGS ♣ JAY-Z
31	32	27	STEAM	♣ PETER GABRIEL ♣ JAY-Z
32	26	15	TOO MANY WAYS TO FALL	♣ ANGELS ♣ JAY-Z
(33)	38	—	SWEATING BULLETS	♣ MEGADETH ♣ JAY-Z
(34)	NEW	1	KISS THAT FROG	PETER GABRIEL ♣ JAY-Z
35	34	33	SAY BUT TRUE	♣ METALLICA ♣ JAY-Z
36	25	12	STAND UP (ROCK LOVE INTO MOTION)	♣ DEF LEPPARD ♣ JAY-Z
37	36	37	I'LL HATE YOU BETTER	♣ SUCIAL TENDENCIES ♣ JAY-Z
38	35	28	NEARLY LOST YOU	♣ SCRAMBLING TREES ♣ JAY-Z
39	29	16	STOP THE WORLD W/ JAY-Z	♣ EXTREME ♣ JAY-Z
(40)	NEW	1	RUNNING ON FAITH	ERIC CLAPTON

ALBUM ROCK RECURRENT TRACKS

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Records are titles which have appeared on the Album Rock Tracks chart for 20 weeks and have dropped below the top 20.

Radio

Billboard Revises Reporters For 7 Chart Panels

NEW YORK—Effective with this issue, *Billboard* has revised radio reporters for the Hot 100 Singles, Top 40/Mainstream Airplay, Top 40 Rhythm-Crossover Airplay, Hot R&B Singles, R&B Radio Monitor, Hot Adult Contemporary, and Modern Rock Tracks chart panels.

Stations are divided into two categories, those monitored by Broadcast Data Systems and those unmonitored stations that report their playlists. There are five weight categories for unmonitored stations based on their weekly *cume audience* in the fall 1992 *Arbitron*: platinum, gold, silver, bronze, and secondary.

For the Top 40 Airplay chart, the Hot 100 radio panel includes 76 top 40/mainstream stations and 32 top 40/rhythm stations. Effective this week, two stations move from the top 40/rhythm to the top 40/mainstream panel and three other stations make the opposite move. Moving to the top 40/mainstream panel are KKLQ San Diego and WTIC-FM Hartford, Conn. Moving to the top 40/rhythm list are KZHT Salt Lake City, WLUM Milwaukee, and WXXK Providence, R.I.

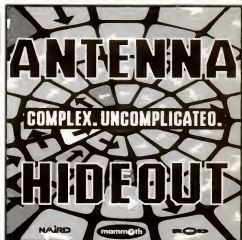
There were seven weight changes on the small-market unmonitored radio panel for the Hot 100 single chart, which now has 82 reporting stations. WLAN-FM Lancaster, Pa., is upped from secondary to bronze status. KCAQ Oxnard, Calif., KCLD St. Cloud, Minn., KZFM Corpus Christi, Texas, KZZU Spokane, Wash., WKFR Battle Creek, Mich., and WRQK Canton, Ohio, move from bronze to secondary. For a full listing of Hot 100 reporting stations, see page 83.

KACE Los Angeles is added to the R&B Radio Monitor panel, which now totals 67 stations. Also, WHQT Miami switches from the Hot 100 and Top 40/Rhythm Monitor panels to the R&B Radio Monitor panel.

There were also four stations added to the small-market R&B radio panel, which now totals 39 reporting stations. New secondary reporters are KSJL San Antonio, Texas, WJJN Dothan, Ala., WQFX-FM Biloxi, Miss., and WQHH Lansing, Mich. In addition, WFXA Augusta, Ga., changes weight from bronze to silver reporting status.

There were several weight changes on the Hot Adult Contemporary panel, which now totals 106 reporters. KVIL Dallas and WLTE Minneapolis are upped from silver to gold reporting status. KVMY Phoenix and WENS Indianapolis change from bronze to silver. KKLD Tucson, Ariz., WKTK Gainesville, Fla., and WLHT Grand Rapids, Mich., are upped from secondary to bronze.

Also on the AC panel, KKCW Portland, Ore., WMJQ Buffalo, N.Y., and WRMF West Palm Beach, Fla., change from silver to bronze status. KMZQ Las Vegas and KTHH Fresno, Calif., move from bronze to secondary.



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FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 1993

Modern Rock Tracks

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WEEK	LAST WEEK	MOVES UP/DN	TITLE ALBUM TITLE (if any)	ARTIST LABEL/IMPORTING LABEL
(1)	3	4	FEED THE TREE STEP	*** No. 1 *** 1. LAMB OF GOD ♦ BELLY SACRIFICES
2	1	1	THE DEVIL YOU KNOW	♦ JESUS JONS SPINUS
3	2	2	7 DOGS OF LUST DOG	♦ THE THE THE
(4)	5	— 2	I FEEL YOU I FEEL YOU	♦ DEPECHE MOE WARRIOR BROS.
5	4	3	MAN ON THE MOON MAN ON THE MOON	♦ E.E.M. WARRIOR BROS.
6	9	12	4 IF I EVER LOSE MY FAITH IN YOU	♦ SING SING
7	8	7	CONNECTED	♦ STEREO MC SOL ASYLUM
8	6	6	7 BLACK GOLD	♦ SHERIDAN SOL ASYLUM
(9)	12	9	13 CANOE EVERYBODY WANTS CANOE EVERYBODY WANTS	♦ I.G.O.M. (M)C SOL ASYLUM
(10)	11	11	5 START CHAMPION START CHAMPION	♦ DINGDANG, JR. SOL ASYLUM
11	7	5	11 ORISKANY WORLD	♦ DURAN DURAN SWITS
(12)	16	15	4 TAKE ME ANYWHERE	♦ SCHOOL OF FISH SOL ASYLUM
(13)	26	— 2	LEAVE IT ALONE	♦ LIVING COLOR SOL ASYLUM
14	10	11	6 HARD TO GET	♦ STARCLUB SOL ASYLUM
15	14	13	6 WALKING THROUGH SYRUP	♦ NED'S ATOMIC DUSTIN SOL ASYLUM
(16)	17	23	5 THE GHOST AT NUMBER ONE THE GHOST AT NUMBER ONE	♦ JELLYFISH SOL ASYLUM
17	13	16	6 BEAUTIFUL GIRL BEAUTIFUL GIRL	♦ INKS SOL ASYLUM
18	18	18	4 WEMBLEY	♦ THE CANDY SKINS SOL ASYLUM
19	15	18	1 LOVE U MORE	♦ SUNSCREEN SOL ASYLUM
20	19	16	7 I AM IN TEN I AM IN TEN	♦ BOB STANLEY & BOB SOL ASYLUM
(21)	21	24	4 COURAGE COURAGE	♦ THE TRAGICALLY HIP SOL ASYLUM
22	20	17	7 GOODBYE	♦ THE SUNDAYS SOL ASYLUM
(23)	NEW	1	1 WE ARE THE NORMAL	♦ GOD GOD DOLLS SOL ASYLUM
(24)	24	— 2	3 SLEEPING SATURDAY SLEEPING SATURDAY	♦ TASMIN ARCHER SOL ASYLUM
25	HE-BERRY	4	6 DETACHABLE PENIS DETACHABLE PENIS	♦ KING MASSAGE SOL ASYLUM
26	22	29	5 KISS THAT FROG	♦ PETER GABRIEL SOL ASYLUM
(27)	27	— 2	BLAST	♦ PURE SOL ASYLUM
28	26	— 2	1 UNDERWHELMED	♦ SILVAN SOL ASYLUM
29	25	23	2 EVERY DAY IS LIKE SUNDAY	♦ 10,000 MANACLES SOL ASYLUM
(30)	30	30	3 STOCKHOLM	♦ NEW FANTASTIC DAFODILS SOL ASYLUM

Tracks with the greatest airplay gains this week. ♦ Videoclip availability. © 1993, Billboard/BPH
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WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

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NAB extended the legal implications to be decided in the upcoming case, *U.S. v. Edge Broadcasting*, saying that if the court decides against broadcasters, there could be a precedent to institute more far-reaching ad restrictions on "an unlimited range of products and services" that could be a "back door method of manipulating consumers."

FAIRNESS DOCTRINE PLOT

The FCC has asked an Arkansas court to remand a fairness doctrine suit to the commission for an opinion, part of an effort by the commissioners to let Congress know that the rule may be unnecessary and illegal.

Democratic lawmakers have already reintroduced legislation that would put the Doctrine back on the books.

In 1987, the FCC abolished the doctrine, and several court cases have further established the unconstitutionality of the rule.

Broadcasters say the fairness doctrine puts an unneeded burden on stations because it imposes a federal guideline for a "reasonable opportunity for discussions of conflicting views on issues of public importance" rather than allowing broadcasters the same rights as print journalists to decide on stories and issues.

Insiders here say there is no question that, given the pending legislation, the fairness doctrine will eventually end up as a Supreme Court constitutionality case.

A SPECTRUM OF ACTIONS

Spectrum auctions are in the Clin-

ic such as grindcore, acid house, rap, and world music.

The first two shows feature *Therapy?* and *Shirley from the U.S.* Huggy Bear and Polygon Window from the U.K., Wawal Bonase Ed Generation Soukonea Bonase from France, Trash from New Zealand, Cocoon Two and Ninjinjam from Jamaica, Roncel Oobik from Estonia, Noloris from Japan, and Hardifore from Germany. Many of these acts are unsigned.

The show has already generated some enthusiasm among U.S. labels. Geffen director of media and artist relations Lake Wood says, "The 'Peel Sessions' really helped some of our bands [Teenage Fanclub, Sonic Youth, and others] get exposure in the U.K. It's like a mark of achievement when you do one. We try to get as many of our bands on them as possible."

Bearded Yankee. Damn Yankee's Ted Nugent, center, shakes up WLUP-AM Chicago midday man Kevin Matthews and newswoman Wendy Snyder.



Me Me Me. Me Phi Me, center, recently stopped by to visit staffers at Seattle's KPLZ. On the left is PD Casey Keating, and on the right, MD Randy Irwin.

ton economic plan, but the NAB is lobbying to convince the administration that its plan should match the pending Senate legislation, which exempts future DAB broadcast spectrum. A pending House bill passed out of full committee Feb. 23 skirts the broadcast auction issue.

With the administration hot to

purse revenue streams, NAB is also monitoring schemes to get government revenue through limits on ad deductibility or increased FCC user fees.

GET FCC TO FUND EIS SYSTEM

The NAB and several broadcast groups want the Emergency Broad-

PEEL LAUNCHES SHOW IN U.S.

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Until now a Peel show has not been broadcast in the States with the exception of abbreviated transmissions of "Top Gear" via BBC's World Service Shortwave Channel. "Top Gear" is also carried in Germany, Australia, and Finland.

"The climate for a show like this in the States is better now," says Bello. "There's more of a mainstream awareness now of 'alternative' music. It's proven itself as a genre and in the sales market."

In-Press began as an independent public relations firm for progressive artists, including Peel, in 1991.

NETWORKS AND SYNDICATION

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medical news services to radio, television, and newspapers beginning Monday (1). The religion package, produced by the Religious News Service, will offer nonsectarian coverage of all major religions in the form of a daily two-minute news feature, a weekly roundup, and daily full-length newspaper-style stories. The medical service, *Medical Tribune News Service*, is written by the Medical Tribune staff.

Global Satellite Network is rolling out its hourlong daily "Food For Thought With Mellinda Lee" March 8. The show began on KNX Los Angeles 30 years ago. Lee took over the hosting duties in 1987.

Sports Byline U.S.A. bowed a new segment, "America's Sports

cnet System updated, and think that since EBS is a federal operation, the FCC should foot the bill, rather than broadcasters.

In its latest filing, the NAB also suggested the FCC replace the two-tone beep, which it says no longer grabs the attention of listeners, and make the system automatic because many stations don't have a 24-hour staff. Further, they say EBS should be a "web" system much like a string of Christmas lights that doesn't shut off if one bad bulb breaks the circuit.

FCC WANTS UPDATED OPERATOR EXAM

The FCC is soliciting private sector assistance in updating commercial radio operator examinations.

The commission wants the public to submit questions and answers that could be used in the exams to test new applicants' grasp of current radio technical rules.

CLASSIC COUNTRY

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For label promotion executives, who are always trying to break new acts and new singles from established stars (and who are as firm of classic rock), the slow but steady growth of traditional outlets is not necessarily a drawback. Scott Boettcher, VP field promotion at MCA Nashville, says he welcomes the older-skewing country stations because they allow mainstream one to open up their playlists and become more current.

The relationship between mainstream and traditional stations is often a close one. In several markets, including Denver and its KYGO-AM-FM, the two stations make up broad-based AM/FM country part-nerships. And with the growth of local marketing agreements and duplicate situations, the trend is likely to continue as broadcasters try to sew up chunks of the country audience rather than duplicating a competitor's listenership. "Two or three formats divide exactly the same thing is too many formats in any market," says Murphy.

Hits! in Tokyo

Week of February 14, 1993

- ① Sweet Child O' Mine: Washington
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Eagle 106's Lander, Phillips Take Flight; KLAA Resting Easy; KBEQ Goes Country

IN THE SURPRISE news of the week, WEGX (Eagle 106) Philadelphia morning man John Lander and PD Brian Phillips exit the station as unannounced format change rumors circulate. Lander, who had been in the midst of contract negotiations with GM Dave Nell for some time, was rumored to be leaving, but Phillips' exit was unexpected. Lander and Nell apparently could not come to terms, and Phillips told the Philadelphia Inquirer that he chose to resign rather than "work for a station so shortighted it would not renew its highest-rated jock." Speaking with the Trenton Times, Phillips called Eagle "Hindenburg 106."

The move comes at a time when parent Maritz Communications is reportedly minutes from inking a deal to merge with Shamrock Broadcasting. At a recent press gathering in New York, a Shamrock PD and a Maritz PD were overheard joking about whether they now work for "Shamrock" or "Maritz."

In other news, WLUP-AM Chicago has been hit with a \$337,500 fine by the FCC for use of indecent language. The violations occurred during a 15:00, Steve Dahl and Gary Meier show and the March 4, 1991, Kevin Matthews show at times of the day when children were likely to be in the audience, according to the commission. Although the base fine for an indecency violation is \$12,000, the forfeiture was increased for WLUP because "the violation was repeated, and because the licensee's past compliance history includes similar apparent misconduct," according to the FCC.

WLUP parent Evergreen Media has challenged fines totaling \$6,000 for three earlier indecency counts. Those fines have been turned over to the U.S. Justice Department for collection.

According to The Hollywood Re-

porter, New Jersey resident Lou Gordon is suing Howard Stern, WOR-TV, and All American Television over an 800-number used in a skit on Stern's now-canceled WOR show. Stern apparently told viewers to call this number in a bit about Jack Ke-vorkian, the infamous suicide doctor. Unfortunately, the number belonged to Gordon.

The much discussed on-air Arbitron survey announcement test (Billboard, Dec. 28, 1992) looks like it is finally about to happen in Atlanta. Arbitron will hold an audio press teleconference Tuesday (2) to announce the plan. On the call will be Guy Gauthier, Arbitron's VP, sales and marketing, radio station services and WAOK/WYER Atlanta VP/GM



by *Phyllis Clark*
with *Eric Boehlert*
& *Carrie Borzillo*

Rich Mack.

In other industry news, Children's Broadcasting Corp., parent company of the Children's Satellite Network, is filing a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission to seek 1.5 million shares of common stock to the public. Broadcasting magazine changes its name to Broadcasting & Cable effective with the Monday (1) issue.

TRENDS SHOW KLAX STILL ON TOP

In the latest winter Arbitrations, Spanish KLAX not only retained the

lead in Los Angeles, it also added nearly another full point, rising 53.2 from 62.8 of the fall. KPWR (Power 106) remained in second place and edged up 51.5-52. KOST (61-53.9) took third place, while KISL-AM-FM (45.2-42) KFI (37-41) and KLSX (35-41) rounded out the top stations. Also, oldies KIRH was up 44-44 and album KLOS rose 35-35.6.

In earnings, Howard Stern took KLSX 50-67. KLAX's Juan Carlos and PD Pefelido were up 44-46, and KISN's Rick Dees was up 47-52. New York's top three stations remained in place: WRKS (55-61), WLTV (52-47), and WELS (44-45). Three other stations were in a three way tie for fourth place: WCRB-FM (32-41), WINS (35-41), and WXRK (44-41).

WQHT (Hot 97) was up 35-43 in New York while the market's other two top eight, WHITZ (36-37) and WPLJ (34-37), were tied. Country WYNY was off 27-24.

In Chicago, the top five stations were WLS (54-52), WGCI-FM (52-54), WUSN (51-52), WBSE-FM (47-48), and WLIT (37-40). And, WNIA was up 35-41 and WBBZ was off 34-32.5.

PROGRAMMING: KBEQ GOES COUNTRY

KBEQ Kansas City, Mo., flips from a Top 40 format to country music. An AM sister station KBEZ drops its Satellite Music Network "Z-Funk" format to simulcast the "FM" and has applied for the new calls KBEQ-AM. Former KBEQ station manager Kathy Stinehour joins KBEQ as VP/GM, replacing Bob Laurence, now at KJHI San Francisco. Randy Miller rejoins KBEQ for his third stint as morning man there. He was most recently doing mornings at KRQX Cincinnati.

John McCrue rejoins PD, replacing sidekick R.J. Curtis joins KZLA Los Angeles as PD, replacing Bob Guerra ... WVEE (1160) Atlanta PD Mike Roberts relinquishes his programming duties to concentrate on his morning show. AFD Tony Brown becomes interim PD.

John McCrue returns to KRQR San Francisco as PD, replacing Larry Snider. McCrue was most recently PD at KSD St. Louis, and previously served as MD, and as interim PD at KRQR ... N/T WASH Washington, D.C. PD Craig Ashwood joins KABC San Francisco as PD, replacing Dave McLanahan.

WILM (Hot 102) Milwaukee replaces Cassidy exits and has KYRK been Gregg ... Top 40 KISS Las Vegas flips to rock. PD The new calls will be KXPRT (The Future).

WVNY Cleveland PD Bernale Kimble exits for a similar gig at another station to be announced shortly.

Full-service AC WIBC Indianapolis became an all N/T when lanie music jock Mike McCay jumped to sister FM KSLX. KSLX's Steve Bonafante, WKLS's Steve Simpson, who's now a weekend talk host on WIBC. Rush Limbaugh makes his WIBC debut in April.

With the recent debut of W3X,

Newsline...

JOHN PEROTTE is out as Narragansett Radio's president as well as GM at WYNN Boston Rouge, La.

RANDALL BAYTS joins Clear Channel Communications as VP/treasurer, while his brother, Mark, is updated to senior VP/operations at the company. Lowry Mays, father of Randall and Mark, is Clear Channel's president/CEO.

STEVE CANDULLO will be president/GM at WYNN New York when new owner Broadcasting Partners takes over the property. Candullo was most recently VP of marketing at Broadcasting Partners and previously served as GM of the group's WKQT Detroit. He will replace station manager Rich White.

WALTER THURMS returned to WHK/WMMs Cleveland as GM, replacing Chuck Bortnick. He was most recently owner of crostown WQAL.

STATION SALES: WTPX Louisville, Ky., from Tom Joyner to Prism Radio Partners for \$3.8 million; WKFM Syracuse, N.Y., from Wilks-Schwartz Broadcasting to NewCity Communications for \$3.75 million; WHET Green Bay, Wis., and WQZZ Appleton, Wis., from Martin Communications to Midwest Communications for \$3.5 million; CKMO/CKLH Hamilton, Ontario, from Armadale Communications Ltd. to London Communications Inc. for an undisclosed sum.

KIM RICHMOND joins ABC Radio Networks as manager of communications, replacing Patricia Evans. Richmond was previously promotion director at KODZ (now KSNM) Dallas.

Indianapolis has its first night listening station in three years. Bill Franzmann in PD. He was last at crostown WTUX before he became at WFLX. Glenn Seaton, from crostown WYNY, joins the radio as PD, while Franzmann in middays and Dave Priest, last in radio sales, in afternoons. Recent grad Julie Ryan hosts nights and Indianapolis will get her on the air, last at WTUX, does overnights.

KMXC Austin, Texas, flips from hot AC to country as "Lonestar 95." Former AFD Bob Corbett is updated to PD, replacing Roger Allen, who remains OM/OP for KIFI Austin. KMXC morning team Diana Kelly and Steve Hart will be replaced by overnights Terry Elliott is filling in for now.

WLTX-FM Jacksonville, Fla., GM Bruce Demps and PD Gary Young make the walk to crostown WZAZ/WJBT. Demps replaces VP/GM Glenn Bryant, who left the station. Young takes over PD duties headed by consultant J.C. Floyd and is also hosting afternoon drive. Buck at WLTX, Mark Shands is in as OM. Steve last at WCEZ Charlotte, N.C.

Steve Bender exits WBFR Myrtle Beach, S.C., to join WCOG Naples, Fla., as PD. WBFR MD John Kipps goes PD duties too, while AFD Michael Parnell becomes OM.

PEOPLE: MICKEY TO BILLBOARD

WQHT (Hot 97) New York AFD/ MD Kevin McCabe joins Billboard as associate director of charts/radio (see story, page 12). The New York radio scene is still a bit unsettled, and longtime sidekick of veteran morning man Jim Kner, who's not making the move with him from WYNN to crostown WMMX because he's leaving for the ND title at WMMX. Instead, she has opted to stay put at WYNN, where she does have the ND title. She is now teamed with new morning man Dan Daniel. At

WMMX, morning co-host and ND Lita Williams continues in those capacities.

Randy Dennis is the new morning man at WKYS Washington, D.C., replacing Dennis Simpson, now at WYNY. Dennis is also replacing, recently at WALT Atlanta, and previously worked at WYXY Baltimore. Also, WKYS morning co-host Tony Perera will have an expanded role at WKYS.

KWJJ Portland, Ore., P/T Jack Randall Whitely is updated to mornings. He replaces Brian Norton, now at KZZM. Debra Lee, who recently joins KRQX Tucson, Ariz., for mornings from that shift at WRBQ-FM Tampa, Fla. He replaces Tim Hartzel, who left to join K. Loon, now at KMLE Phoenix.

Night jock Mike Culetta moves to middays at KOMF Las Vegas replacing PD Richard Reed, who relinquishes his shift. Meanwhile, Freddie Woods returns to the station for nights and P/T Bruce Allen takes over overnights from J.D. The Pig, who exits.

Michael Kelley was moved from promotion director to MD at WPHN New Bedford, Ma., replacing Kristi Welmer, who exits ... Contrary to what you may have read elsewhere, WABW-FM Mobile, Ala., PD Dusty Hayes angrily denies reports that he is AFD/MD. Genevieve, is leaving for the MD gig at WPKK Providence, R.I.

WMMX Lansing, Mich., morning man Jazz McKee exits. Afternoon jock Pete Conway is interim morning man ... At WKHH Ocean City, Md., morning show co-host Brian K. Hall is leaving for the MD gig at WJLA. Jack De Wack adds production director duties.

WZEE (1040) Madison, Wis., hires Joe Larson to MD-midday jock. He was most recently PD at WZZU Raleigh, N.C. ... KCNC Riverside, Calif., is looking for a morning jock to replace Charlie Ray. Send T&Rs to Phil Burt Mitchell.

Boston Radio Station Seeks Asylum From Columbia Arts

NEW YORK—Boston modern-rock outlet WFNX has pulled the plug on Columbia Arts. After hearing crostown album rock station WBCN promote a free, live broadcast of a local Soul Asylum show—a show WFNX thought it should have staged—WFNX PD A. Mac Mac Tinkoff says the station has dropped, or at least stopped reporting, all artists on Columbia and the Columbia-distributed label Chas. Along with 30 artists, the move will affect current Modern Rock Tracks chart acts Sunscreen, Alice In Chains, New's Atomic Tumbler, and Ultra Vivid Sound.

Tinkoff says considering the station's history of supporting Soul Asylum and what he says was WBCN's 110-hour conver-

sion to the band, WFNX wasn't having been given the show. When it became clear that Soul Asylum would not be able to play at WFNX's station party in the spring as had been hoped, Tinkoff opted to "send a concrete message of displeasure" to the label.

A Columbia promotion executive, conceding Boston is a very competitive market, downplays the incident and says the label hopes to patch things up soon.

As for WBCN, PD John Siniatski the station has backed Soul Asylum for years. He adds "FNX is always surprised when an alternative band appears to more than 100 people. The truth is we sell a lot more records than WFNX does."

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RETAILERS WARY OF TRANSITION TO JEWEL-BOX ONLY CDS

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survey of 18 accounts, 14 will use long plastic keepers to merchandise CDs, although most consider that strategy a way-station before moving to live merchandise. And they say they will experiment with jewel-box only merchandising or with CDs in short keepers in some of their stores.

Most of the accounts that plan to use mainly long keepers are the Musicland Group, the Handicam Co., Capitol Music, Trans World Music Corp., Warehouse Entertainment, Hastings Books Music & Video, and Superclub Music Corp. The accounts that will emphasize live merchandise include Tower Records, Strawberies Inc., Kemp Mill Music, and Streetline Records, but those accounts say some stores will use keepers.

While all accounts say they would like to merchandise CDs live, live long keepers or long plastic keepers are not yet solved before that can happen: the National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers must choose an industry standard for electronic artist credit.

ASCAP ROYALTIES

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audio royalties to its interested members based on transmissions (performance royalties).

"The musical works fund represents about one-third of the total royalties paid by manufacturers and importers to ASCAP," says the organization's blank music. Record companies and performers will share most of the remaining two-thirds of the royalties under a separate sound recording fund. ASCAP also represents non-featured musicians and vocalists.

Attorney Alan J. Weinreich, representing several radio and cable firms, says he is studying the ASCAP costs of collection would not come "out of the pockets" of ASCAP members. Nor estimates of the collection costs would be determined by ASCAP.

Bernard Korman, ASCAP's general counsel, noted that digital audio royalties collected with a "new field," a system that also would be determined in a "fair way" that would not affect those society members who do not share in the royalties.

ASCAP's new revenue stream was how ASCAP would share the royalty pie with BMI and other rights associations. According to Korman, ASCAP will meet with BMI to agree on how the two organizations will share the home taping royalties.

Judith M. Saffer, BMI's assistant general counsel, said BMI would meet with ASCAP to reach an agreement with ASCAP in developing a formula for dividing the royalties.

Public ASCAP, BMI has no restriction in its consent agreement prohibiting it from collecting and distributing in areas other than public performance.

One area that the government had not taken into account is ASCAP's method of charging for the collection of royalties. ASCAP charges for royalties, according to Gregory Hovenden, attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, which has approved the ASCAP plan. However, he said [that] "in the absence of evidence there will be abuse of the system," the government approved the amendment.

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reliance. In a Feb. 24 press release, NARM announced the decision regarding sound tagging—the placing of an EAS tag at the point of manufacture—will be made Thursday (4), just before its annual convention. Even if that decision is made there, it could still take a industry a year or two to implement, sound tagging, observers say.

The accounts that are going to keepers say they are doing so for several reasons. As Michael Sonzogni, VP/GM of 30-unit Sausalito, Calif.-based Record Shop puts it, "If we're going to go to jewel-box only, we would have to put ten times as many shoes for all of our employees because we would be chasing people throughout the mall all day."

"NO CONSENSUS"

Regardless of what decision NARM makes on EAS source tagging, the accounts say they will merchandise CDs, chain executives say the transition will be difficult because a number of issues have yet to be resolved. One retailer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, says, "The transition is a nightmare. The industry has had a year to put this together and some labels are still shipping out CDs in unwrapped jewel box. It is the most unbelievably botched transition. There is no consensus."

In addition to new CDs being shipped inside the longbox

without shrinkwrap on the jewel boxes, retailers are concerned about the rate of the transition, which is supposed to take place from April 1 to Aug. 1. Some retailers estimate that only about half the titles they receive in longboxes contain shrinkwrapped CDs.

Some accounts point out that they are expending a tremendous amount of time, resources, and money to prepare for the transition.

Another major issue that appears to be emerging is that, at a time when labels are pushing merchants to carry more catalog, accounts estimate that the use of keepers, which take up more space than longboxes, will reduce the number of units a store can carry by 10%-15%. On the other hand, those few accounts that will merchandise CDs live say they are gaining an additional 25%-40% capacity in their fixtures.

REBATE EXTENSION

Amid all of this, accounts are pushing for an extension of the rebate program. If not a permanent price reduction, to help pay for the transition. Accounts unanimously say the rebates will not cover all of the extra costs, but they are covering ongoing expenses that will be incurred because of the new merchandising strategies. Accounts are pushing for an extension of what portion of their costs the re-

bates will cover, ranging from 25% to 65%, depending on which merchandising approach they choose.

Most retailers are incensed over the prospect that, while their expenses likely will increase, manufacturers may use the transition to jewel-box only merchandising to increase their gross margins through savings in packaging costs. Jim Dobbe, VP of sales merchandise at 316-unit, Torrance, Calif.-based Wherehouse Entertainment, says, "Once the longbox switch is complete, the manufacturers' packaging costs of 20 to 30 cents per unit go away, but now I have to pay for the keepers. Considering the rebate is not where what we need it to be, will they continue to give us support?"

Most accounts are lobbying manufacturers hard on this issue. But Jim Caparo, president of PolyGram Group Distribution, argues the transition also is costly for manufacturers. "As of now we are looking to recapture our costs of conversion, so don't anticipate any immediate reduction in the price of CDs from PGD. We are CEMA president Russ Bach says, "We are going to NARM, we will listen to the customer, and then we will make a decision." U.S. Music VP John Burns and WEA president Henry Dore decline to comment. BMG Distribution and Sony Music Distribution executives were unavailable to comment.

three to 12 musicians, the group will probably be appearing in midsize clubs and bars. "It's not a new thing, which are traditional outlets for dance-oriented artists."

BORN OF THE 80s

While major labels have been first in line to sign Brit-soul acts in the U.S., much of the music is nurtured by independent labels. Among the leading outlets for this music have been Boogie Back Records, Conscious Records, Soul-Jazz, and Mo'Wax. D-Influence first caught the attention of EastWest on the independently distributed "Acid Jazz Compilation."

"A lot of people are considering the music to be now, just because we're returning back to basics," says D-In-

fluence bassist/lyricist Kwame Kwame. "It's actually a old reform, especially compared with what's going on with techno and pop today. This is a refreshing thing for people, but for us as writers it was very, very natural. We take the show away and get to the bones."

For many of the artists involved, the Brit-soul movement is an assertion of a new, more authentic black musical culture. "A lot of what we're about is sharing life experiences," says Penn Williams of Young Rolling. "We tell the label about our current existence as young black people in London, and then relate them to the vibes and emotion that we feel from the music of people like Bobby Byrd and James Brown. It's positive, cleansing experience."

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TOP 40 RADIO WANTS MANIACS' "CANDY"

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avalanche," he says of the gradual ascent of his new release. "But we're chipping away."

There is a bit of irony in the fact that television (MTV, VH1, The Box, and MTV2) has played an important role in fueling the success of "Candy." While the song is "three-and-a-half minutes of fun," as one promoter put it, it is using a stinging attack on television: "Our titles were growing just 'cos they wanna turn it on. So our minds are focused on 'Alphabet' and 'Will... who do you want to blame'."

According to top 40 programmers, it was the MTV appearance that first caught the attention of the radio. "The image of the band is what we're looking for," says a radio programmer. "The band's image with mainstream listeners. That helped raise awareness and allowed listeners to attach a sound to the band and judge

it on its merits," says Lyndon Abell, PD at Cleveland's WENZ.

London, at Indianapolis' WZLX, also points to the MTV performance as key to winning over new fans. "It certainly increased curiosity about sales and awareness, which was key. The more awareness, the better."

Top 40 programmers say their listeners are in the 18-24 age range, a hip pop-rock band, along the lines of R.E.M.

That association with The Athens, Ga. band was again apparent when 10,000 Maniacs recorded a version of the 1984 R.E.M. song "Don't Go Back To Rockville" for the CD-5 of the band's new album. "We're an adult alternative station, such as WKOC Norfolk, Va., have opted for that track since the crowdston 20 often has been spinning 'Candy' so often

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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST (LABEL, DISTRIBUTING LABEL)
1	1	NO. 1	1
2	2	I'M BRICKIN' NEW WORLD (1)	2
3	3	DO YOU WANT LOVE	3
4	4	ORDINARY WORLD	4
5	5	SAVING FOREVER FOR YOU	5
6	6	HEAVEN	6
7	7	I HAVE NOTHING	7
8	8	IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE	8
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TOP 40 RADIO RECURRENT MONITOR

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Records with the greatest display and sales gains this week. ♦ Videoclip availability. ● Recording Industry Ass'n. Of America (RIAA) certification for sales of 500,000 units. ▲ RIAA certification for sales of 1 million units, with additional initials indicated by a numeral following the symbol. Catalog number is for cassette.

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DETECTIONS

TOP 40/MAINSTREAM

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHART	TITLE/LABEL/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	ARTIST
*** NO. 1 ***				
1	2	10	OH MYSELF WORLD (CAPTOL)	DURAN DURAN
2	3	10	A WHOLE NEW WORLD (ALADDIN'S THEME) COLUMBIA	PEARO JYSSON & REGINA BELLE
3	4	7	I'M EVERY WOMAN (FROM "THE BODYGUARD") A&M	WHITNEY HOUSTON
4	5	12	7 HOLEY FARM, MANURE BRIGGS	FRANCE AND THE NEW POWER GENERATION
5	5	5	THAT'S WHAT LOVE CAN DO NEXT (LATELAL LONDELAY) GUY	SCOT KILZAY
6	7	6	SEB OF ROSES JAMES/MCA	BON JOVI
7	5	13	SAVING PRIVATE FOR YOU (FROM "REVERLY HILLS, 90210") GARY	SHANICE
8	18	4	20 TWINKIES ETC ASSOCIATED/INC	SAVON DORRIS
9	5	11	WHEN SHE CRIES RCA	REBECCAH HEART
10	12	6	THE RIGHT KIND OF LOVE GARY	JEREMY JORDAN
11	10	16	GIVE IT UP, TURN IT LOOSE LATELAL	EN VOUE
12	11	11	FATFALLER (LATELAL)	GO WEST
13	20	6	MR. MENDEL (LATELAL)	ARISTO DEVELOPMENT
14	6	11	IN THE STILL OF THE NITE (FROM "THE JACKSONS") MOTOWN	BOYZ 2 MEN
15	18	6	HERE WE GO AGAIN CAPTOL	PORTIA
16	11	4	NO MISTAKES RCA	PATTY SMITH
17	12	11	WALK ON THE OCEAN COLUMBIA	TOAD THE WEET SROCKET
18	18	4	MAN ON THE MOON (MARKER BRIGGS)	J.E.M.
19	17	21	RHYTHM IS A DANCER A&M	SNAP
20	21	5	GET AWAY RCA	BOBBY BROWN
21	11	11	IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE GAYLOR ALLEY MCA	SHAN
*** AIRPOWER ***				
22	27	3	DON'T WALK AWAY GARY	JACQ
*** AIRPOWER ***				
23	26	4	CAT'S IN THE CRADLE (LATELAL)	LUCKY KID JOE
24	22	23	DO YOU BELIEVE IN US (MCA)	JOHN SECDADA
25	11	11	I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU (FROM "THE BODYGUARD") A&M	WHITNEY HOUSTON
26	32	7	IF I EVER LOSE MY FAITH IN YOU A&M	STING
27	19	12	STEAM GETTER	PETER GABRIEL
28	31	6	ANGEL (MCA)	JOHN SECDADA
29	30	23	IF WE WITHOUT YOU (FROM "BOONERANG") GUY STREET/LANCE/AMCA	P.M. DAWN
30	28	10	GOOD ENOUGH RCA	BOBBY BROWN
31	40	2	FOREVER IN LOVE A&M	KENNY G
32	NEW	1	LOVE IS (FROM "REVERLY HILLS, 90210") GARY	MANESSA WILLIAMS & SHAN MCNEIGHT
33	NEW	1	BAG GIRL (MARKER BRIGGS)	MACRONIA
34	25	14	DEEPER AND DEEPER (MARKER BRIGGS)	MACRONIA
35	23	23	WALKING ON BROKEN GLASS A&M	ANNIE LENNON
36	29	2	LITTLE BIRD A&M	ANNIE LENNON
37	26	5	STRAND CAPTOL	PORTIA
38	31	23	END OF THE ROAD (FROM "BOONERANG") GUY STREET/LANCE/AMCA	BOYZ 2 MEN
39	37	2	SMILEY THING (LATELAL)	MATTY J. BLAKE
40	34	17	NEVER A TATELAL	GENESIS

TOP 40/RHYTHM-CROSSOVER

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHART	TITLE/LABEL/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	ARTIST
*** NO. 1 ***				
1	1	5	FREAK ME (MCA)	SLK
2	2	11	DON'T WALK AWAY GARY	JACQ
3	5	10	COMFORTER GAYLOR ALLEY MCA	SHAN
4	10	5	RHYTHM BUT A "G" THING (LATELAL LONDELAY)	DR. DRE
5	3	16	HERE WE GO AGAIN CAPTOL	PORTIA
6	16	6	SWEET THING (LATELAL)	MARY J. BLAKE
7	13	2	I HAVE NOTHING (FROM "THE BODYGUARD") A&M	WHITNEY HOUSTON
8	16	8	GET AWAY RCA	BOBBY BROWN
9	6	10	INFORMER LATELAL	SHOW
10	5	21	SAVING PRIVATE FOR YOU (FROM "REVERLY HILLS, 90210") GARY	SHANICE
11	16	16	MR. MENDEL (LATELAL)	ARISTO DEVELOPMENT
12	18	5	REUNION OF SLICK (COOL LIKE BAY) PENALUNIVENTA	DIABLO PLANETS
13	17	17	CITY NEXT (LATELAL)	PAFFORNO
14	14	9	HIP HOP MOOD (TOMMY BOY)	NAUGHTY BY NATURE
15	22	3	I'M SO INTO YOU RCA	SNW
16	11	20	I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU (FROM "THE BODYGUARD") A&M	WHITNEY HOUSTON
17	16	20	PURIT SHAVER RCA	WRECKA EFFECT
18	12	22	IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE GAYLOR ALLEY MCA	SHAN
19	21	7	I GOT A MAN (LATELAL)	POSTINE K
20	19	19	I'M EVERY WOMAN (FROM "THE BODYGUARD") A&M	WHITNEY HOUSTON
21	26	6	HAT 2 ON BACK LANCE/AMCA	TLC
22	15	6	A WHOLE NEW WORLD (ALADDIN'S THEME) COLUMBIA	PEARO JYSSON & REGINA BELLE
*** AIRPOWER ***				
23	20	7	I'M GONNA GET YOU COLUMBIA	SHANICE (FEATURING ANGE BROWN)
24	27	3	RHYTHM IS A DANCER A&M	SNAP
25	24	23	GOOD ENOUGH RCA	BOBBY BROWN
26	21	23	WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS LANCE/AMCA	TLC
27	31	23	IF WE WITHOUT YOU (FROM "BOONERANG") GUY STREET/LANCE/AMCA	J.M. DAWN
28	25	23	END OF THE ROAD (FROM "BOONERANG") GUY STREET/LANCE/AMCA	BOYZ 2 MEN
29	21	17	I GOT A THING 4 YA (PERSPECTIVE NAME)	LORETTA
30	27	23	REAL LOVE (LATELAL)	MATTY J. BLAKE
31	37	2	CLOSER (JAY SIGNED) (L.A. LABEL)	REMEY
32	23	15	GIVE IT UP, TURN IT LOOSE LATELAL	EN VOUE
33	35	14	7 HOLEY FARM, MANURE BRIGGS	FRANCE AND THE NEW POWER GENERATION
34	32	12	IN THE STILL OF THE NITE (FROM "THE JACKSONS") MOTOWN	BOYZ 2 MEN
35	NEW	1	DEDICATED A&M	R. KELLY & PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
36	40	2	FOREVER IN LOVE A&M	KENNY G
37	34	4	THAT'S WHAT LOVE CAN DO NEXT (LATELAL LONDELAY)	SCOT KILZAY
38	RENTY	1	COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN (L.A. LABEL)	WENDY MOTEN
39	RENTY	1	UNDERSTAND THIS (GENESIS)	SOUND FACTORY
40	34	23	BAFF-BUFF (LANCE/AMCA)	TLC

Tracks showing an increase in detections over the previous week, regardless of chart movement. Answer awarded to those records which attain 1250 detections (mainstream) or 500 detections (rhythmic) for the first time.

STEREO MC'S FIND A PLACE AS RAPPERS

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new Genesis live album, and has shown chart action in international markets including Germany, Ireland, Greece, and Australia.

In the U.S., where "Connected" has been released by Gee Street/Inland Records, the album has cracked the Hotweekers album chart while the title track has gone top 10 on the Modern Rock Tracks and edged into the Hot Dance Music Top 18 chart as well.

"Our feeling is that the Stereo MC's are in it for the long haul," says Matt Stringer, senior VP of marketing at Island Records in New York. "They've done some brilliant work and as they've redefined their musical

direction we've stepped up to the plate and redefined our marketing approach."

For Birch, each of the three albums by the Stereo MC's have topped the charts with a more all-encompassing musical style. "We've managed to make what we're saying more universal," he says.

The process began for Birch and band mate Nick "The Head" Hurnham in 1987 when the two crafted their first tracks for Britain's Gee Street Records out of samples from second-hand records and radio tapes. "Nick used to get tapes sent to him from a friend in New York," recalls Birch. "People mixing live on the radio,

things like 'Tears For Fears' dance breaks." Birch, meanwhile, was tuning in to the rap explosion out of New York, acts like KRS-One, Run-DM.C., and Whodini, and the initial revival of "the funk music."

"It was a time when everything seemed to be boiling; a revival of rare grooves," says Birch. "I used to go to junk shops and pick up records for 20 pence because I had these dodgy jobs just trying to survive."

The 1989 debut disc "33 1/3 78" showed the Stereo MC's to be capable of widely imaginative sampling. With the addition of drummer Owen Ife, the band built its reputation as a live act. With the release of "Supernatural" in

1991, the group toured the U.K. and the U.S.

Meanwhile, under the studio name Ultimatum, Birch and his colleagues have built a parallel reputation as remixer for U.S. P.M. Dawn, Mica Paris, the Disposable Heroes Of Hiphopriety, and others.

"Connected" finds the Stereo MC's taking their sampling and songwriting to a new level of sophistication, while expanding their live sound with the addition of singers Chaz Coffey, Verena Davis, and Andrea Groves. Island Records has responded with support for the group.

According to Stringer, Island is launching "Connected" to its mod-

ern-rock base to pop radio as a single March 8 while a video of the track has been added in the Buzz Bin at MTV. At retail, meanwhile, Island is marketing the album with point-of-sale material, campaigns for in-store play, and additional merchandising material.

"They've been a pet project for me since their initial EP," says Stringer. "They've always been a little bit ahead of their time, and it takes time to accept their differences and their nervousness. The brilliance of their live performances is key to that."

The Stereo MC's are due to begin a U.S. tour opening for Jaws Jones April 15.

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101	102	73	6	JESUS JONES	FEELING LIKE A LION (19 0613 19)	156	151	61	SWEET OLYMPIA
101	102	102	101	ENIGMA	CHARTERED (19 0214 19) (19 0113 19)	157	156	156	IN THIS LIFE
101	102	15	25	TRISHA YEARWOOD	* RCA 120417 (19 0613 19)	158	158	71	FOR UNLW/UNTIL CARNAL KNOWLEDGE
101	108	20	37	TEMPLE OF THE DOG	* A&M 3309 (19 0613 19)	159	159	10	BLIND
101	108	18	21	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS	* RCA 107124 (19 0613 19)	160	155	176	THE COMFORT ZONE
101	107	100	100	MICHAEL BOLTON	* COLUMBIA 40421 (19 0613 19)	161	156	144	IN SICES TO EVERY STORY
101	118	97	13	ALAN CLARK	* A&M 3309 (19 0613 19)	161	189	134	GREATEST HITS PLUS
101	118	97	13	GUNS N' ROSES	* GUNN 34020 (19 0613 19)	162	162	165	MARK COLLIE
101	120	118	27	PATTY SMYTH	* RCA 120417 (19 0613 19)	163	156	128	JOJOE
101	118	103	6	DUKE	* THE FOURTH DIMENSION (19 0613 19)	164	147	143	R. KELLY & PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
101	176	108	6	CHARTE MOORE	SLAS (19 0613 19)	165	160	134	AMY GRANT
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TOP ALBUMS A-Z (LISTED BY ARTISTS)

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BUTTHOLE SURFERS SCORE MAJOR-LABEL COUP

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that reasonably could be, if not compromised, at least toned down for general-market consumption, starting with a name that many newspapers will print and including, but not limited to, extended vomiting noises on their major-label debut, "Independent Women Saloon."

"It's just something I've always wanted to do," admits guitarist Paul Leary in a Texas-polite drawl. "Capitol Records spends a third of a million dollars to put the Butthole Surfers in the studio with John Jones, and then they're just returning them a favor with a minute-and-a-half of nonstop vomiting."

The 17-track "Saloon," produced by Led Zeppelin bassist/keyboardist Jones, rides in March 28 on the wave of a broad-based marketing campaign initially targeting mom-and-pop "trend" retailers and col-

lege radio. In a departure for the Buttholes, metal radio stations, particularly the COAR (current-oriented album rock) format offshoot of album rock, will also be targeted. The first single, "Who Was in My Room Last Night?," goes to radio March 16, and an animated/live-action video was shot in February.

"This is a record we're very confident will retail extremely well and we're going to make sure everybody's ready for it," says Jeremy Hammond, Capitol VP of marketing. Advance support includes a radio campaign assembled by the label's Cathy Lincoln that saw a collectible 10-inch brown-vinyl disc out in a silver Mylar bag eight weeks ahead of the album. They made a great record," Hammond says. "And it's the right time for it to be big."

Leary and vocalist Gibby Haynes

formed a band in 1981 that was variously called the Dick Clark 5, Abe Lincoln's Band, the Inevitable Trip to East Anastasia's Ashhole, etc. "Then we got to play a gig one night and somebody introduced us as the Butthole Surfers," one of the group's songs, says Leary.

After that, "we just got real stupid one day and decided to quit and drove to California," he says. Begging for gigs at punk clubs worked, "and then we kind of just got into the swing of it."

INDEPENDENT-SIGNED

In 1983, San Francisco's Alternative Tentacles released the Butthole self-titled debut, and the independent releases started piling forth in 11 all. Among them is the cult-classic "Hairway to Steven" (Touch And Go, 1986), which features, rather than song titles and long before Prince, symbols for its tracks, such as a passing horse (No. 2), a syringe (3), and a defecating deer (7).

"Fishead" (Rough Trade, 1991) was the last indie album, and one that produced the relatively successful cover of the Donovan hit "Hurdy Gurdy Man," which garnered a group its first significant, if still extremely limited, alternative radio play. A video made a brief appearance on MTV. Hammond esti-

mated the album sold 65,000 copies before being picked up by Capitol; since then, it has sold some 20,000 more.

Meanwhile, the music press gushed—"freak psychedelic" (Guitar Player, 1991)—and concertgoers moaned. "About these concerts: 'Eventually you kind of get tired of it, but you can't stop on fire,'" muses Leary on the odds of Haynes perpetuating his habit of lighting up his extremities during shows.

Then came the pivotal Lollapalooza tour—and a call from Capitol. The label's reps checked out the band during the highly popular trek, Hammond says, and Capitol president Hale Milgrim caught them several times at clubs. A deal followed.

The Buttholes, eschewing any talk of "selling out," are thrilled. "I don't see any merit to wallowing in poverty," Leary says. "And if a band called the Butthole Surfers can get signed to a major label, I think it's pretty funny."

Leary acknowledges the band's name has been a hurdle. "However, I watched the show 'Major Dad' a few weeks ago and they used the term 'stick up your butt' on prime time TV," he says. "So things are looking good!"

From the label perspective, Hammond says, "When we get more toward the mainstream media, I'm sure we'll get some opposition to the name, but it can be abbreviated to BHS for those purposes. There is a conservative element we always have to deal with that will be an obstacle at times, but ultimately their music will permeate these things so strong."

Ditto the thinking on the album. "Capitol was heads-off, except to provide plenty of money," Leary says. "John Paul Jones just wanted us to stick with our more rocking songs for some reason, instead of our more psychedelic, a swirl song."

Tout rocking bent pointed to the radio marketing direction, although the album's softer-edged tunes, leaning pop and even country, may open other doors, Hammond says.

A tour of 1,500-2,000-seat venues will start in April or May.

"We're just going to go to the marketplace with this album and use the market to leverage more mainstream media acceptance," Hammond says. "The coming together of the Buttholes and John Paul Jones has made their strongest, most accessible record, and we don't see making any compromises to sell it."

BETWEEN THE BUTTS

by Geoff Mayfield

EASY AS ABC: Last week, the big news on The Billboard 200 was the growth shown by Michael Jackson in the wake of his ABC interview with Oprah Winfrey. The television network also has impact on this week's chart, as Billy Ray Cyrus (No. 4) enjoys the chart's biggest increase in the wake of his Feb. 17 special. At the same time, Cyrus sets a Billboard record with his 10th No. 1 move for the sixth time. The only other album to top Ten Top Sales More as many as five times in "The Bodyguard" soundtrack, which still leads the pack. This, by the way, marks only the third week in the soundtrack's 16-week run that it has posted a one-third sales total of fewer than 200,000 units.

FORECAST: Next week's charts will reflect the sales gains realized from exposure on the Feb. 24 broadcast of the Grammys. In most years, retailers have noticed that having an artist play on the awards show creates more of a sales stir than does actually winning an award. Figure the Grammys will help Jackson continue his impressive TV-fueled roll, while also maintaining Cyrus' renewed momentum. Peter Gabriel and Arrested Development are among others who stand to get a sales blast from their performances. And keep your eye on Eric Clapton. His "Unplugged" has been in the top five of The Billboard 200 for all but two of its 26 chart weeks, and his Grammy profile will most certainly spark a sales boost.

NEW PEAR: Even without Grammy exposure, Arrested Development already has picked up a 7% sales gain gain in 1991, a new peak for its debut album. EMI Records Group credits the album's revitalization to the "Mr. Wendal" single, which continues to win friends at radio and major play on MTV... Arrested Development is not the only hot-replicated act. Devo continues to rule over the Top R&B Albums list while holding at No. 3 on The Billboard 200. Another intertempo market rapper, 2Pac, whose previous album peaked at No. 64 on The Billboard 200—see his new set debut at No. 24. Toronto-bred ragga-mill rapper Snow wins the Power Flex with a 30% sales gain as he leaps 41-126. Ice Cube discovers Kam delects No. 121, while Cypress Hill (159-132) and Positive K (135-136) each pick up bullets.

CONTRAST: Even with the inclusion of sales from the Feb. 15 national holiday, the marketplace could not keep pace with the sales gains posted last week. In last week's issue, slipping from the long weekend started a 22% sales for The Billboard 200 over the prior chart. But this week volume on that chart declined by 9%. As a result, most of the titles on the list show sales drops. Another factor in the release schedule: last week's chart had four debuts in the top 10, while this week's release slate offers the chart that high (No. 16). Sales on the top selling catalog titles declined by 10%, while volume on Top Country Albums grew by 8%.

UPDATE: Lots of industry rumors and shakers were cheered by the announcement in the Feb. 20 Billboard that SoundScan had increased the weight of the 500-plus independent stores in its reporting panel. Well, if you liked that news, you'll really like the fact that more Tower Records stores will soon be in the mix. Tower plans to roll out a chainwide point-of-sale installation, beginning in March. The chain will add POS to its store region by region, starting with stores in Northern California. Tower bases plans to have the installations complete by August. As these stores are wired, they'll be added to the SoundScan pool. As previously reported, 15 Towers now report.

NORDISK OFFERS ALTERNATIVE IN LICENSE DILEMMA

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mission which result from two or sometimes three societies processing royalties.

MCP's chief executive Frans de Wit has earlier estimated that unless BIS sets up positive momentum in three continental societies, it will put its EMRO plans for full swing.

"It's time for change [in Europe]," says Marty Bandler, president of EMI Music Publishing. "The same cases [European societies] have become cumbersome and believe the only way they can survive is by competing for central licensing deals to the detriment of publishers, authors, and composers."

While the speed of payments and level of commissions have improved slightly since central licensing was first introduced, according to Irwin Robinson, president of Famous Music and chairman of the board of the National Music Publishers Assn., "What hasn't improved are distribution commissions and the loss of money to publishers and writers through rebates paid back to record companies by societies."

The new proposal will make rebates impossible because the system will be operated on a transparent basis, says Kurt Mickelson, president of Danish division of NCB. "There will be no means of disguising the payments," he says. "Everybody will be able to see what is going on, so there is no information to be hidden." NCB has insisted that if some of the difficulties are not resolved, then it could withdraw its repertoire from the existing central licensing system, withdrawing the reciprocal rights it gives to other societies for NCB repertoire.

The NCB plan calls for the establishment of a limited number of non-operation centers in Europe to which all societies can be linked. The system would interconnect three types of databases: a product file with data on all audio and video releases; a repertoire

file containing titles of all musical works; and sales file that would include details on accounting conditions in all territories.

TECHNOLOGY EXITS

According to NCB managing director Jorgen Krug, the technology for the ECMA model is already in existence and it would take about two weeks to put the system into operation.

Krug notes that the NCB, which collected \$31 million in royalties in 1990, deducts a commission of 7% before distributing its income. "But 40% of our income derives from central licensing—which means we are paying 4.5% commission to the central European licensing societies who are doing just a very small part of the job. They do about 30% of the work, but the system creates additional work to the 80% done by NCB. And for this we are paying a commission."

Krug estimates that the present system costs NCB anything from \$700,000 to \$1.4 million in lost distributable income.

NCB PLAN CRITICIZED

The NCB proposition has been criticized by both sides involved in the dispute. In the Danish division, "The ECMA proposal in principle, but it's incapable of being implemented before a number of years," says Morten Andersen. "It offers no real short-term benefits, and seems to have the worst of both worlds."

In fact, the ECMA proposal, made with the consultation of the continental federations, has the potential to lay any steps toward what EMRO wants, a factor which could work in favor of the "big three" SDRM, STEMPA and GEMA.

STEMPA chief executive Ger Willemsen is less critical about the proposal, but admits it has its drawbacks. "I don't think for one second it will be a final solution to what EMRO

is proposing to do. It's not a licensing system in itself, it's only a communication between societies."

According to Willemsen, "The ideal system would be under the control of international rights bodies like BIEM. But central licensing needs quick decisions and high investment, which BIEM has not been given the resources to do."

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Best vocal performance, male: "Tears in Heaven"—Eric Clapton, Reprise (his fourth).

Best new artist: Arrested Development, Chrysalis (his first).

Best pop vocal performance, female: "Control" (single)—K.C. Tang, Warner Bros. (his third).

Best pop vocal performance, male: "Tears in Heaven" (single)—Eric Clapton, Reprise (his fourth).

Best pop performance by a duo or group with vocals: "Beauty And The Beast" (single)—Celine Dion and Peabo Bryson, Epic (his first, his second).

Best traditional pop vocal performance: "Perfectly Frank" (album)—Tony Bennett, Columbia (his third).

Best instrumental performance: "Brady And The Band" (track from "Symphonic Hollywood"—Richard Kaufman, Capitol; Newberry Symphony Orchestra, Versa Sarabande (his second).

Best rock vocal performance, female: "Ain't It Heavy" (track from "Never Enough")—Melissa Etheridge, Island (his first).

Best rock performance, male: "Unplugged" (album)—Eric Clapton, Reprise (his fourth).

Best rock performance by a duo or group with vocals: "Ain't It Heavy" (album)—Eric Clapton, Reprise (his fourth).

Best rock vocal performance: "I'm Alive" (single)—Red Hot Chili Peppers, Warner Bros. (his first).

Best metal performance: "Wish" (track from "Live Through This"—Megadeth, Capitol; Five (his first).

Best rock instrumental performance: "Little Wing" (track from "The Sky Is Crying")—Steve Ray Vaughan & Double Trouble, Epic (his fifth).

Best rock song: "Layla"—Eric Clapton and Jim Gordon, Songwriters, Epic (his first).

Best contemporary blues album: "Sweet Machine"—Tom Waits, Island (his first).

Best contemporary blues album: "The Wanderer I Am" (album)—Chaka Khan, Warner Bros. (his first).

Best R&B vocal performance, male: "Heaven And Hell" (album)—L.A. Renais, Epic (his first).

Best R&B vocal performance, female: "Love Train" (single)—The O'Jays, Epic (his second).

Best R&B instrumental performance: "Doo-Bop" (album)—Nile Rodgers, Warner Bros. (his second).

Best R&B song: "End Of The Road" (single)—L.A. Renais, Epic (his first).

Best rap song performance: "Rhye Get Back" (track from "Rhye Get Back"—The Roots, Def American; Bryce Cartel (his first).

Best rap performance by a duo or group: "Tennessee" (single)—Arrested Development, Chrysalis (his first).

Best new age album: "Shepherd Moons" (album)—Enya, Reprise (his first).

Best contemporary jazz performance (instrumental): "Second Step" (album)—Pat Metheny, Capitol (his seventh).

Best jazz vocal performance: "Togetherness" (track from "Live"—Bobbi McFerrin, Blue Note (his first).

Best jazz instrumental solo: "Lush Life" (track from "Lush Life—The Music Of Billy Strayhorn")—Jo Henderson, Verve (his first).

Best jazz instrumental performance, individual or duo: "Lush Life" (track from "Lush Life—The Music Of Billy Strayhorn")—Jo Henderson, Verve (his first).

Best large jazz ensemble performance: "The Turrentine Family"—McCoy Tyner Big Band, World Circuit (his first).

Best country vocal performance, male: "I Feel Lucky" (single)—Mary Chapin Carpenter, Columbia (his second).

Best country vocal performance, male: "I Still Bel-

ieve In You" (album)—Vince Gill, MCA (his third).

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Grammy Sweep Could Electrify Clapton's Sales

BY CRAIG ROSEN

LOS ANGELES—Could Eric Clapton's six-week sweep and nine performance at the 35th Grammy Awards help his "Unplugged" album knock "The Bodyguard" from the top of the pop charts?

The answer to that question will not be known until next week, but Clapton's Grammy showing will almost certainly translate into a sales surge for "Unplugged." The album is No. 5 on The Billboard 200 and has sold more than 4 million copies.

Bruce Swartz, VP of advertising and sales promotion for the 315-State Torrance, Calif.-based Warehouse Entertainment, says, "That album has been getting a lot of air on chain sites before Christmas. [The Grammys] can put it on top."

The commercial clout of winning multiple Grammys has been demonstrated in the past year by Natalie Cole's "Unforgettable" sweep and Bonnie Raitt's "Nick Of Time" triumph.

Cole's "Unforgettable" had been a huge hit prior to the Grammys, selling more than 4 million copies. The album had been in the top 10 for 10 weeks in the top 10, including a five-week run at No. 1, in fall 1981. However, prior to the Grammys, "Unforgettable" had dropped into the middle

teens of The Billboard 200.

On The Billboard 200 for March 14, 1992, "Unplugged" followed "The Bodyguard" as the second-most popular Grammy album, and the album's like-titled single won seven awards, "Unforgettable" jumped from No. 16 to No. 2 and spent three weeks in the top 10.

Elektra senior VP of sales Kenny Hamlin says the Grammy triumph gave "Unforgettable" a tremendous boost. "It's a real momentum on an artistic level, he says the honors added credibility and additional legitimacy" to the album.

The tale of Raitt's "Nick Of Time" is even more dramatic. Prior to the Grammys, in June 1989, the album had peaked at No. 22 on The Billboard 200. In the weeks following the Grammy ceremony held in 1990, it which she won four awards, the album shot into the top 10. A few weeks later, it climbed to No. 1. The album's success was helped by the fact that it was the only album to win more than one award.

Giant Records owner Irving Azoff says the success of a multiple Grammy victory "depends on where the album is in terms of longevity. It helped Bonnie Raitt, but R.E.M. was at the end of a long run. 'Out Of Time' when it picked up three awards last year."

"Unplugged" has been in the top 10 of The Billboard 200 since it debut-

ed on Sept. 12, 1992, but it has yet to hit No. 1. The album has been No. 2 on 11 different occasions.

The joy still out about whether Grammy success will push "Unplugged" into the top spot. "Clapton's been selling like crazy," says Brian Green, senior VP of marketing operations at West Sacramento, Calif.-based Tower Records chain. "Maybe he'll sell more, but it's hard to imagine."

Instead, Green predicts that the biggest sales gain will follow Grammy

CLAPTON GRABS KEY GRAMMYS; 'BEAUTY' IS BELLE OF THE BALL

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plugged," culled from an MTV special, took the album-of-the-year and male-rock-vocal honors.

In addition, "Layla," recorded on "Unplugged," garnered the rock-song award.

Both "Tears in Heaven" and "Unplugged" are in stark contrast to the blistering guitar work that made Clapton a rock legend.

On his first two trips to the podium, Clapton humbly noted that others were more deserving. "I think the other song... Vanessa Williams' one ['Save The Best For Last'] should have gotten [the award] because it kept us going for the No. 1 slot for about two months."

Noting Clapton's dominance less than halfway through the three-hour program, host Gary Shandling quipped, "I'm going to go out on a limb. If you're up against Eric Clapton in any other categories, I'd go home now."

Clapton's most emotional moment came when he returned to the podium a final time to accept the record-of-the-year award. Following a standing ovation, Clapton said, "I'm very moved and very shy and very emotional. I want to thank a lot of people, but the one person I want to thank is my son Conor. He gave me the song he gave me."

Clapton's 4-year-old son accidentally fell to his death from a 5th-floor Manhattan apartment in 1991. With Clapton's eyes closed, he performed the song, which originally appeared on the "Ruth" soundtrack, as a tribute.

Clapton was joined by several other multiple-award winners. Among the five awards for "Beauty And The Beast" was the honor for best pop vocal by a duo, a group for the title track, performed by Céline Dion and Peabo Bryson.

Atlanta rapper Arrested Development took the best-new-artist honor and best duo or group rap performance.

GRAMMY UPSETS

K.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge, and Vince Gill scored upsets. Lang took the best female-pop-vocal award for "Constant Craving" over such Grammy-friendly folkies as Mariah Carey's "MTV Unplugged" and Vanessa Williams' "Save The Best For Last." Etheridge won best female rock performance for "Ain't It Heavy" over perennial Grammy favorite Tina Turner. Gill took the best-country-male-performance award for "I Still Believe In You," over Billy Ray Cyrus, Garth Brooks, Randy Travis, and Travis Tritt.

Other multiple winners included Mary-Chapin Carpenter (best female vocal performance for "I Feel Lucky"), Emmylou Harris and The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (best bluegrass performance), and Travis Tritt and Marty Stuart (best country vocal collaboration for "The Whiskey Ain't Workin')."

Boyz II Men's "End Of The Road" was awarded its first Grammys for R&B song and R&B group vocal of the year.

U2 won its fifth Grammy with best group rock performance for "Achilles Heel."

There was no embarrassment this year on the order of Jethro Tull's hard-rock award in 1988, or Milli Vanilli's 1989 best-new-artist honor (later rescinded by the academy). However, Nine Inch Nails' win in the best-metal performance category may have turned some heads, since the band is generally considered to be alternative or industrial, a genre NARAS does not yet recognize.

Cyrene, whose 5-million-selling "Strong Arm of the Law" remains a strong seller despite critical backlash, was nominated in the best-new-artist, song, and record-of-the-year categories, but went home empty-handed.

Other multiple winners included the Chieftains and the late Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Miles Davis was also honored posthumously with a win in the R&B instrumental category. Posthumous honors were also awarded in the classical category to Leonard Bernstein, Vladimir Horowitz, and Samuel Barber.

The televised portion of the Shrine Auditorium ceremony got off to a rousing start with Peter Gabriel's (musically stunning rendition of "In Your Eyes," flanked by a pair of Marilyn Monroe look-alikes miming sex, sported purple velvet linens, plumed hair, and a fake phallus) song, which he looked like a pumped-up Rambo. While he performed, members of the

Clique du Soleil troupe provided acrobatic high-jinks.

Other notable performances included a trumpet blowout from Arturo Sandoval & the GRP All-Stars, a pairing of Tony Bennett and Natalie Cole, and the teaming of the L.A. Master Chorus and a gospel choir for "Tradition and soul renditions of Handel's 'Messiah.'"

A pairing of the Red Hot Chili Peppers with George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars was a good idea, but suffered from muddy sound.

Clapton performed "Tears In Heaven" as the last number of the show.

MIXED FEELINGS

Clapton's only prior Grammy victories were in 1992, for album of the year for the album "The Concert For Bangladesh," and in 1990, for best male rock vocal performance for "Bad Love" single.

The six-time award Clapton aroused mixed feelings among longtime fans at the ceremony. Many believed he is worthy of several Grammys, but should have been honored two decades ago, when he originally recorded "Layla" as a member of Derek & the Dominoes.

His six-year sweep this year ties Quincy Jones' 1990 showing and the late Roger Miller's 1965 triumph. Michael Jackson still holds the record for the most Grammys received in one year: he received eight in 1983.

Jackson was honored with a Grammy Legends Award, presented to him by his sister Janet. Taking the stage

to a standing ovation, Michael Jackson quipped, "This puts to rest another rumor that has been in the press for too many years. Me and Janet are two different people."

He went on to give an emotional speech, stating, "The last few weeks I've been rethinking myself. 'Controlling' as a subject he commented on during his recent interview with Oprah Winfrey: 'My childhood was completely taken away from me. No holidays. No Christmas.'"

Although Lifetime Achievement honors Little Richard was in attendance at the Shrine, he was not invited to stage to receive his Lifetime Achievement Award. (Richard and the other Lifetime Achievement honorees were saluted in a taped presentation.) On Howard Stern's nationally syndicated morning show, Little Richard said the long-overdue honor was tainted by the fact he was not allowed to receive the award onstage.

NARAS president Michael Greene responded backstage, saying, "Little Richard is just as deserving of having his night at the show [as anyone]. He just didn't want to be invited to it. It doesn't mean we don't respect him."

The show, which was televised on CBS, was also beamed to 110 cities, and 100 million votes were cast by NARAS' approximately 8,000 members.

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Melinda Newman in Los Angeles.

Jackson Surfaces Backstage At Grammys

Lanois Questions 'Unplugged' Album Victory

Janine McAdams, Chris Morris, and Melinda Newman offer a behind-the-scenes view of the Grammys.

MICHAEL JACKSON, predictably, created the major backstage sensation of the night by making an unprecedented appearance in the press tent after receiving his Grammy Award. He showed up in a white tuxedo, in the photo area, creating a stampede among normally jaded print journalists, who rushed to peek through the plastic wall separating them from the photojournalists.

The chaotic superstars' war of wits continued through the tent by camera crews... Although Jackson was expected to perform, NARAS president Michael Greene said, "I don't see him coming out to talk to the press tonight... You want to tell him you can't do that!"

DANIEL LANOIS, co-winner of the best-producer award for his work with Brian Auger & The Trinity, praised Eric Clapton, but questioned his win for album of the year, a category in which "Unplugged" also was nominated. "I'm a fan of Eric Clapton's. I can't tell you if ['Unplugged'] should have won album of the year or not, but I'd like to think that album of the year would go to ground-breaking work."

PRODUCER L.A. Reid said he and partner Babyface don't mind sharing producer-of-the-year honors with Lanois and Enos. "I won't see a tie when I look at [the Grammy] on the show or on the radio," Lanois & Enos have their music and we have ours."

HAVE AS EVER, the Red Hot Chili Peppers' screaming press backstage with matches of "Tears In Heaven," "Rhinestone Cowboy," "Wichita Lineman," and "Los Angeles"... Asked if he saw the group's Grammy for best-hard-rock performance as a reward for their long singer Anthony Kiedis' death last year, Lanois said, "No." Bassist Flea added, "The ridiculous and hilarious thing is, 'Guns Away' isn't a hard-rock song by any stretch of the imagination. It is without a doubt a

funk song."

TWO-TIME winners Boyz II Men hold to grudge against Whitney Houston, whose "I Will Always Love You" topped their record for longest run at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart only a few weeks after "End Of The Road" had claimed the title. "God bless her and everything she's done," said the band's Nathan Morris. "She's our homelink and we going to support everything she does."

VINCE GILL won two Grammys for his song, "I Still Believe In You," written after a fight with his wife, Sweethearts Of The Moon's Heather. "I was going to write a song about the difficulty of having a two-performer household backstage. We're getting ready to celebrate our 13th anniversary; that's the bottom line. We're going to have good days and bad days in our marriage, just like I'm going to have good days and bad days in my career."

TONY BENNETT, whose best-traditional-pop-rock Grammy for "Perfectly Frank" was his first since 1982, elated differences between winners of yesterday and today's honorees. "It had nothing to do with how many records you sold. It was how good you were... [and] there was strong, healthy competition."

ALAN MENKEN, who lost his partner, lyricist and "Beauty And The Beast" co-author Howard Ashman to AIDS, issued a plea for understanding and tolerance: "We should have a great deal of compassion and love for AIDS sufferers... Any discrimination is abominable."

JIM GORDON, co-author of "Layla," who has been imprisoned for a decade for the murder of his mother, will "absolutely" receive the Grammy for his win in the best-rock-song category, says NARAS' Greene. Gordon, who was the drummer for Derek & the Dominoes, co-authored the song with Clapton.

L.A. Crashes Grammy Party

With \$8K City Service Bill

LOS ANGELES—In a conglomeration hours before the 35th Grammy Awards show was set to begin Feb. 24, the Los Angeles City Council agreed to pay for traffic control and security at the Shrine Auditorium ceremony, but held NARAS responsible for city service fees incurred by its postevent party at the Biltmore hotel here.

The total city service cost for both events was about \$24,000, \$8,000 of which the recording academy will end up paying, according to sources here.

The vote superseded a Feb. 23 decision by the council to reject a previously approved waiver of bills for security and other services provided by the city during the events.

While NARAS president Mike Greene quickly applauded the council's move to rescind its Feb. 23 decision, he told Biltmore the council's bill for services would not improve Los Angeles' chances in the annual war among major cities for bringing rock to the Grammy ceremony. "If they're trying to send us a message, they're doing a good job," he said.

Addressing the press at the conclusion of the ceremony, Greene added, "We'll be in New York forever until they start showing they care about the ceremony."

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SoundScan Cracks Down On Stores With Bogus Info

BY CRAIG ROSEN

LOS ANGELES—SoundScan, which has been providing sales information to Billboard since May 1991, has foiled three attempts to distort sales statistics.

Although the stores where the inflated sales data originated are still reporters, SoundScan CEO Mike Fine says any future retailers caught attempting to distort sales figures will be dropped from the program.

The most recent incident occurred in early February, when SoundScan's quality-control program detected abnormal sales data from a Raleigh, N.C., retailer. According to sources, the data had the store selling 30 times as many copies of SWV's RCA single "I'm So Into You" as the largest major-market chain stores.

The same store also registered abnormally high sales on three other R&B singles—"Tahiti's" "Push" on Capitol, S.O.L.E.'s S.Y.S.T.E.M.'s "It's Gonna Be a Lovely Day" on Arista, and AZ-1's "Trust Me In" on Scotti Brothers.

Regular sales figures were thrown out and therefore did not affect the Billboard charts, Fine says.

"We deplore the attempt to distort the SoundScan data used by the Billboard sales charts," says Joe Francini, president of SoundScan's parent, Nielsen, Billboard association publisher. "We are pleased, however, that SoundScan's safeguard procedures work as well as they do to catch these kinds of abuses before they affect our charts. We have expended tremendous efforts to ensure the most accurate sales data possible for the industry, and we expect SoundScan to continue to exert the utmost vigilance to ensure the accuracy of its data."

An article in the Feb. 24 Los Angeles *Times*, relying on unidentified sources, said the Raleigh retailer had falsified the sales information "possibly at the urging of His Weinman, Capert of Best Products Inc. The Tyson-Old New York-based firm is a marketing consultant to most of the major record companies."

In a recent interview, Joe Weinman denied suggesting that retailers manipulate sales data.

He explained that when Billboard requested data on SoundScan data for the R&B albums and singles charts he initiated a sales-reporting program for

about 100 independent urban retail outlets that report to SoundScan. Under this program, the retailers could sell singles for 90 cents each.

"I sent him a letter but he sent to record companies announcing the program had been discontinued," Weinman said. "The miscommunication was: Take this product and scan it through. All along we meant: Sell it."

Weinman declined to provide a copy of the letter to Billboard.

Skip Miller, senior VP of black music at RCA, and Hale Milgrom, president of Capitol Records, told Billboard they were unaware of the retailers' actions concerning releases on their labels.

Jim Chugio, Arista senior VP of sales, confirms he used Weinman's sale pricing/promotion program, but says the intent is to drive sales. He calls the retailers' actions unfounded.

According to SoundScan's Fine, the other incidents occurred in the summer of 1992 and in January 1993. Every Tuesday morning, he got a report that lists all of our quality-control program that is part of our quality-control sales activity," Fine says. "In 89% of these cases, they turn out to be false."

Fine says SoundScan checks all abnormal sales figures with the retailers. Typically, dramatic surges in sales of a particular title are tied in to promotions offered by a label or store. If a retailer cannot offer an acceptable explanation for the sales increase, SoundScan will request copies of sales invoices to make certain the reported sales are legitimate.

"There have been three cases that we have caught in the last two years, so we are confident that the system is working," Fine says. "We are able to catch potential problems before the information is sent back."

Fine says the retailers that have been caught distorting sales data remain on its panel, but "just because we gave them a second chance, doesn't mean we'll give them a third or a second chance in the future."

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Joe Jeffrey, Melinda Newman, Janine McDaniels, and Ed Christman.

HBO Scraps Plans To Run Program Featuring Ice-T

LOS ANGELES—Less than a month after Ice-T and Sire/Warner Bros. Records parted ways, Time Warner's cable arm, Home Box Office, has decided not to proceed with the rapper's cable series "Ice-TV."

After a short time after he asked Sire/Warner to drop the controversial track "Cop Killer" from his metal album "Body Count," Ice-T got the go-ahead to host four half-hour, late-night, talk-shows for HBO (Billboard, Aug. 22).

According to an HBO spokesperson, tapes for the proposed series were built around footage from "70s 'blaxploitation' movies—took place Sept. 10 and 11. Marquis of 2 Live Crew served as an informal co-

host; guests included Little Richard, Quincy Jones, Isaac Hayes, "Freaky Freestyle" Smith, Flavor Flav of Public Enemy, Queen Latifah, and "Superfly" star Ron O'Neal.

But the spokesperson says dissatisfaction with the direction of the tapings, which were never edited into completed programs, resulted in HBO's decision not to air any finished product.

An HBO spokesperson says problems with clearances of the movie clips also hastened the decision to pass up the series.

Ice-T's manager, Jorge Hinojosa, did not return a call from Billboard seeking comment.

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The Billboard Bulletin....

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CLINTON SETS MTV INTERVIEW

President Clinton is scheduled to speak to MTV viewers Monday (1), following a speech detailing his national youth service plan. Clinton will unveil the plan at Rutgers Univ.; then he'll talk to the network's Tahira Sorensen for a special edition of "MTV News."

SEE US 'CRYING GAME' TO WARNER

Trade sources indicate Warner Bros. Video has acquired cassette rights to "The Crying Game," the Miramax sleeper feature that has received six Academy Award nominations, including best actor, supporting actor, and director. Warner would not comment on the deal; Miramax executives were unavailable by press time. "The Crying Game" members should total a respectable 125,000-150,000 units, worth \$6 million-\$8 million wholesale, according to sources. The title could get a further boost from the release of Boy George's rendition of the title song from the soundtrack on SBK Records.

DELAY ON EURO TAPING LAWS?

Home-taping laws and the European Commission could be delayed after the release of the film "Francis & Verdygry," head of DG III, the department that deals with copyright. Verdygry, highly regarded for his work as risk manager, has been promoted to director general of the secretariat, but he has not been replaced at DG III.

RELATIVITY SETS TOTO DISC

Relativity Records plans to release May 11 Toto's 10th album, "Kingdom of Desire," featuring work by original drummer Jeff Porcario, who died last year. The former Columbia group's last album was "Past to Present" in 1986, which included four new songs with previously recorded sessions. A Relativity spokesperson did not know whether the group's appearance on the label would be ongoing.

MITCHELL GOES TO JOHN COLE AAR

Look for veteran Arista A&R VP Mitchell Cohen to switch affiliations in mid-March to Columbia Records, where he'll hold down a similar spot. Cohen has been at Arista for 10 years and has worked with such acts as Curtis Stigers, Jeff Healey Band, and the Church.

BLOCKBUSTER CDS-TO-TAPES

Blockbuster wants video rentals to help broadcast TV, not hurt it. Starting in June, the chain and CBS, says six months of testing, will distribute 400,000 copies of a monthly, recyclable 10-minute cassette at Blockbuster's 2,500-plus locations. The "Hot Pix" tapes, free with rentals, will promote its shows to "the huge audience of videophiles who are light viewers" of the network. CBS' "Hot Pix" also has room for movie and music video previews; CBS and Blockbuster are seeking sponsors.

SATURDAY RACING HUDSON BAY CO.

Canadian rackjobber Saturna Distributing Inc. has reached an agreement to supply pre-recorded music and video products for The Hudson Bay Co. nationally, effective Monday (1). The 91-store department chain previously had been racked by the Haddon's Co. of Canada. Saturna, with head offices in Markham, Ontario, will also continue to service the department store chain Zellers with 270 stores nationally.

VHI AIDS ON-AIR HOSTS

VHI has signed three new music industry personalities to its slate of on-air hosts. Musica magazine executive editor Charles M. Young joins the network as senior music correspondent and co-host of "VHI Inside Music." Meg Griffin, DJ at New York-based WRRX (K-Rock), will co-host "VHI Inside Music." And Premiere magazine deputy editor Cindy Silvers is the new host of "Flirt" and "VHI Inside Movies."

MTV EUROPE HEARS OWN STUDIO

MTV Europe will get its own studios for the first time when it moves into the former TV-am building in London. The move means more live and interactive programming will be made in the two studios. TV-am lost its national breakfast-time franchise last year.

'World' Conquers Hot 100; Ugly Cover

IT'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD on the Hot 100 as Whitney Houston finally takes No. 2 with "I Will Always Love You," and "A Whole New World" by Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle ascends to the top of the chart. The Oscar-nominated song from "Aladdin" establishes a number of firsts. It's the first song from a Disney animated or children's film to be No. 1 in the rock era. It's the first No. 1 song for Bryson and Belle as well as songwriters Alan Menken and Tim Rice. It's the first time the two artists have the first new single of a calendar year moved to the top as late as March. Until now, the latest song has ever moved to No. 1. Bryson and Belle were the first duo to have a "Disney" song reach the chart summit the week of Feb. 16, 1992. In fact, Tim Gaskys of Mountain View, Calif., points out that "A Whole New World" claims the No. 1 position later in the year than any other song since 1952, when Ray Starr's "On the Beach" took over the final No. 1 hit of 1951, Johnny Ray's "Cry" March 15.

One person who isn't experiencing a "first" with the "Aladdin" theme is producer Walter Afanador, who has helped create the chart-toppers "Love Takes Time" and "I'll Be There" by Mariah Carey and "When a Man Loves a Woman" by Michael Bolton.

ARE THEY PLAYING IT ON 'WORLD'?

It may be hard to believe, but there had never been a cover of a Harry Chapin song on the Hot 100 until Ugly Kid's recorded a version of Chapin's only No. 1 single, "Cat's in the Hat." As the first new single of 1992, it's already Chapin's fourth most successful Hot 100 single as a songwriter. In second and third place, after the original "Cat's in the Hat," are "Sequel" and

"Dixie." If Ugly Kid Joe can take the song to No. 1, it will be the ninth time in the chart that a song by two different artists has been No. 1.

AN ARTIST'S BLOSSOMS: JOY LAWRENCE

JOY LAWRENCE'S appearance on the Hot 100 and on this week's Hot Shot Debate with "Nothin' 'N My Love Can't Fix," which he co-wrote. The 16-year-old newcomer is featured in the "Blossom" TV series and joins a long list of television artists who have played on the Hot 100. The series, which the honor roll includes Clark Gable, Connie Stevens, Shelley Long, Fabrice, Paul Petersen, Lorne Greene, Bruce Sherrman, Vicki Lawrence, John Schneider, and Jasmie Guy. Time will tell if Lawrence will enjoy a long musical career, like one of the stars of "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," Ricky Nelson.

SPELLING THE HITS: THERE

are three singles from the "Beverly Hills 90210" soundtrack in this week's top 40. "Savering Forever For You" by Shantae falls to No. 13, while "The Right Kind of Love" by Jeremy Jordan moves up four notches to No. 27. And "I'll Be There" by Williams & Brian McKnight takes a healthy 13-point jump to No. 38.

DEEP NO MORE: WADE MEARS OF SAN DIEGO

writes to say that "End Of The Road" by Bays II Men was in the top 10 for 19 weeks in a row, beating the 17-week record held by the Bee Gees' "How Deep Is Your Love." And "Just a Little Bit More" by Vanessa Williams & Brian McKnight takes a healthy 13-point jump to No. 38.



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